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RASIC WANTS \$64,300

English star whinges over 'Roos

By
PAUL MOON

It appears that England was not acclaimed the conquering hero upon returning home from its recent Australian tour.

This conclusion must be reached after reading a series of excuses rendered by squad members to the British media, for not having comprehensively disposed of colonial fodder, as Fleet Street had anticipated.

In his column in "Shoot" a magazine which boasts the largest circulation among Britain's soccer publications and is aimed principally at the teenage market, tourist Garry Shaw claims uncompromising and negative Australian tactics were to blame.

"There's no way the Socceroos were trying to win," he said. "They played negatively, just to achieve respectable results, and operated with five, sometimes six, men across the back. The Aussie part-timers ran all day, chased every ball, were defensive and hard to break down."

The Aston Villa player was also less than complimentary about the home team's tactics. "Some of the treatment they dished out to our players, particularly Trevor Francis, was X Certificate. After our 1-0 victory in Brisbane, Trevor had some horrendous studs down his chest and ankles."

Australia's coach Frank Arok also came in for criticism, as Shaw alleged. "He angered Bobby Robson on more than one occasion, mostly for remarks made to the Press and once for refusing to leave a private training session. It was comical to see Mr Arok, a Yugoslav, trying to sneak unseen around the back of the stand as we prepared for our Brisbane game."

The uncapped striker did not have a single kind word for his hosts and even managed to incorrectly name Australia's goalkeeper as Tom Greedy, while Alan Davidson was described as a "Chinese defender named after a famous Australian test cricketer."

Ethnic backgrounds seem to fascinate Shaw, who considered it noteworthy that the Socceroos contained players of Greek, Italian, Yugoslav, Scottish and Irish ancestry. Either he is ignorant of Australia's social history, or expected to face an entire team of dinky-di Aborigines!

Not deemed worthy of comment was the fact that the home squad included 11 Australian-born players, while England called upon two Jamaicans in Luther Blissett and John Barnes and the Singaporean Terry Rutter.

Rudi offered \$240,000 to throw game

By **PETER SCOTT**

Never one to stay out of the public eye for long, erstwhile Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf was again in the limelight recently — being offered a bribe — in the Himalayas!

In the German newspaper, "Welt am Sonntag," Rudi revealed that he was offered a US\$240,000 job with the Kuwaiti Football Association, by the oil rich country's International Olympic Committee member Sheikh Al-Ahmad-Al Sabah.

And what was the price for this unexpected largesse?

According to our intrepid friend who, at the time, was in charge of the national junior team of Nepal, all his lads had to do was to lose 0-8 against their Arab rivals.



Rudi Gutendorf

and so allow the Kuwaitis to qualify for the Asian Junior Championship finals.

A small price to pay for a life of comfort and opulence in the deserts of Arabia, you might say.

Sadly, just when everything seemed to be going the right way and the Kuwaitis were 4-0 ahead in the match at Kathmandu, with lots of time still left on the clock, it all went awry.

One of the Kuwaitis had the bad form to start a brawl, which forced the ref to suspend the festivities forthwith. No doubt, the Sheikh was bitterly disappointed.

Alas, the best laid plans of mice and men...

Rale Rasic is taking South Melbourne Hellas to court over his recent sacking.

Rasic issued a Supreme Court writ last week seeking \$64,300 over his dismissal.

The writ is against Hellas and its then president, Sam Papasavas, who is now chairman of the National League.



Sam Papasavas

Rasic claims he was sacked nine months after entering a two-year contract to coach Hellas and that the job was for \$35,000 a year.

The writ has been issued by Mener, Levenberg and Pryles. It seeks trial by a judge alone.

Rasic joined Hellas late last year after coaching Sydney club Blacktown for two seasons. Previously, he coached Adelaide City, Marconi, Pan-Hellenic, St George, Melbourne-Hungaria, Footscray J.U.S.T., the Australian national team and the Victorian and NSW State teams.



Rale Rasic

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Saturday D-day for NSL

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

The immediate future of club soccer in Australia will be decided on Saturday at an ASF executive meeting in Sydney which will vote on the NSL's proposals for regionalisation.

Eleven votes will be cast, all carrying the responsibility of judging the NSL record and deciding the league's fate.

The NSL has just one vote. Other votes will be cast by Victoria (2), NSW (2), South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, Northern NSW and the A.C.T.

The powerful Victoria-NSW lobby is expected to emerge from this historic meeting as the victor, which means that the NSL will fall in its bid to push through a proposed increase from 16 to 24 clubs to compete in a regionalised format.

The Victoria-NSW lobby needs support from just two federations to gain a majority of six votes.

Queensland and South Australia already have agreed to join this lobby. Victoria and NSW have been advoca-

NSW and Victoria to emerge victorious

ting the formation of super leagues, a move which has gained impetus in recent weeks.

Conversely, the major states say that they are quite happy to see the NSL continue its present one-league, 16-team format, a view easily unmasked as a ploy to see the eventual return of NSL clubs to State federation control.

Should the NSL continue along present lines then it's a safe bet that its member clubs will face increasing financial stress. Can we assume that the states have made a similar diagnosis?

If so, then NSL outfits may be forced to seek cover under state umbrellas which have been awaiting their return since 1977.

Isolation hurting big league, Hakoah rallies

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT



Reading all the arguments and ideas for and against the NSL, super leagues and the rest, I cannot help but feel that the lack of a well-defined and reasonably automatic method of promotion and relegation is perhaps the main cause of the current problems.

The majority of clubs are outside the NSL, under the control of the State federations, and they bitterly resent the closed shop appearance of the NSL.

A few years ago I would have been firmly against any automatic up-and-down movement of clubs.

My main concerns would have been the lack of promotional expertise, small crowds and unsophisticated administration of those outside the NSL, not to mention safeguarding the financial "investment" of the big league's founders for at least a few years.

To take those points one by one, with the glaring exception of St George Budapest, promotional expertise is non-existent in the NSL; many of the crowds are as small — and even smaller — than those in the State Leagues and administration can hardly become less sophisticated than it is already.

As for safeguarding the financial investment, well, seven years is a more than reasonable length of time.

In fact, I believe that some NSL clubs would be positively relieved if they could have a short spell of a year or two in the lower grade.

It would allow them to consolidate financially, and seek promotion refreshed in spirit and confidence.

The latest frontline report from the battle of Hakoah is now in our hands

Club members refuse to sit back and wait for something to happen. On the contrary, another public meeting a couple of weeks ago formally established the Hakoah Sydney City Soccer Supporters Council, with 20 elected members.

The Supporters Council called on the club's developments on the soccer scene, and welcomed coach Eddie Thomson and some of the players in its midst for a friendly chat.

The Soccer Supporters Council had its inaugural meeting last week, where a steering committee of seven was elected, under chairman Harry Lakmaker.

Teh Supporters Council called on the club's board of directors to come out in strong support of the National League's continued existence.

The council and steering committee will hold regular meetings — with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, at the Hakoah Club — and liaise with the board of directors, to plan the direction of Hakoah's involvement in senior soccer, gather suggestions, opinions and ideas from the Hakoah club's membership, and organise match-day arrangements at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Brisbane Lions are ready to quit the NSL, according to their president John Morkus.

He is reported as having said that if the NSL continues under its present set-up, Lions probably wouldn't want to be part of it.

The club may return to local Queensland competition, Morkus said.

I wonder how many other clubs think the same way.

It seems to indicate that State-run super leagues are closer than you may think.

Super leagues would solve at least one problem about which nothing has been written this year, the one-substitute rule.

The number of substitutes in the NSL was cut from two to one to save on air fares but in my view, it's definitely been detrimental to the game.

Firstly, it keeps young fellows out of the team. With only one substitute allowed, coaches are wary about using a youngster on the bench. Instead, they quite rightly prefer an experienced player who has proven he can do the job.

The rule also makes it hard for players to return after injury, or a period of poor form.

Another rule I don't like is the one under which three points instead of two are awarded for a victory.

The new rule means that a draw is like a loss now.

I'd like to see a return to the old system. After all, it's used in almost every other country in the world, apart from England.

Import ban wrong

The Australian Soccer Federation is aiming eventually to ban all imports, which is ridiculous considering almost every country in the world allows imports in greater or lesser numbers.

Sure, we should have a limit on imports to create more team places for local players, but there's no way we should ban imports altogether.

Without imports, Australian soccer never again would have the likes of Jimmy Rooney,



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ian Tuffield won't be "wasting" his time trying to establish himself in the NSL. He's quite happy staying with his Victorian State League club, Fawkner, which, he says, will make the top four next year and take a shot at the championship in 1985.

"Why go to the NSL, if you're a local? It seems to me that if you're a local you only get a couple of games to prove yourself but if you're a big-name player from England you get about 10 games to establish yourself," said the 24-year-old utility player.

"I went to Preston Makedonia a few years back and wasn't given a fair go there and other local players have tried out with other NSL sides and haven't been given a chance."

Tuffield had a year with Makedonia in 1979, under coach Tony Vrzina, and spent most of his time sitting on the bench.

"I don't want to talk about Preston too much. I've still got bad feelings about the club buying me as a young player and not using me. It's very hard to say anything about Tony Vrzina. What good things can you say about a coach who doesn't play you?"

I realise that Preston had a great forward line that year with Rob Cullen, George McMillan and Gary Ward. Actually, I learned a lot from training with these guys. My skills really improved, although skill is not a strong point of my game.

Tuffield is London-born. He came here with his family as a five-year-old and took up competitive soccer two years later, joining Doncaster Rovers' juniors. There he played in the same junior side as present Fawkner team-mate Mel Ansell.

Tuffield's father, Colin, a former referee and current chairman of the Victorian division of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation, urged Ian to switch to Melbourne juniors where his team-mates included Sean Rooney, Gary Greenwald, Colin Allison (all ex-Hakoah Melbourne) and Tom O'Halloran (currently with Frankston Pines).

Bill Allison coached the young Tuffield, who played in Melbourne's outstanding State League Colts side that went through its league and JLMC Cup season undefeated. Tuffield spent three years with the

Lions are limping, NSL rules are wrong

Branko Buljevic, Jimmy Mackay, Adrian Alston, Joe Watson, Kenny Boden, Zarko Odzakovic, Zdravko Lujic, Jim Hermiston, Ivo Prskalo, Roberto Vieri, Manecas, Neil McGachey, etc., etc., etc.

Is our soccer so advanced that we can do without such men?

Good luck Mitch

David Mitchell is going to Scotland to try his luck with Rangers, and to get married.

"Big Mitch" certainly will be missed by Sydney City, and he'll leave a big gap in the national team.

Good luck, Dave.

War, not a game

I don't like criticising referees, but I feel it's my duty in light of what went on during Olympic's recent match against Sydney City.

There were some really dirty tackles at the start of the game, and the referee let them go without punishing the offenders. This resulted in other players following suit and before you knew it, we had a boring, ugly physical battle instead of a soccer game.

Sydney City obviously is one of the contenders for the championship but if this is the way it wins titles, then it's little wonder that only a handful of people watches the club's matches.

After NSL let-down, Tuffield wants Fawkner title in 1985

Hungarian-sponsored club, then moved to Box Hill, linking up with Banyule High School mate Mick Pearce, a giant goalkeeper.

Colin Hasler coached me at Box Hill and I rate him alongside Micky Lynn and Peter Craig as the best coaches I've played under. Craig was at Box Hill too when I was there and his forte was in the motivation field."

During his junior career, Tuffield played for every Victorian representative side from under-12 to under-18 level. His friendship with Pearce wasn't the only reason for joining the Hillmen. Melbourne had been relegated from State League to Metro Division One and Tuffield was dismayed by "hassles within the club and fights among the committeemen."

"My girlfriend probably will kill me, but it's true what they say about California. It's really laid back there. It's all about drugs and sex."

During his stay in Cleveland, Tuffield spent a week with Canadian-based NASL outfit, Toronto Blizzard. He had one trial game there but wasn't signed on. While Tuffield was overseas, Lynn was coaching Fawkner to successive seasons of promotion and spent most of the latter half of 1981 ringing up Colin Tuffield and keeping tabs on Ian's progress. When Ian Tuffield returned to Australia in September, 1981, Lynn invited him to training as Fawkner prepared for the prestigious end-of-season Coppa Italia.

Fawkner bought Tuffield from Makedonia for \$3,000 in March, 1982 but a week before the club started its assault on the Metro First Division championship, Lynn was sacked.

"We turned up at training on the Tuesday night before kicking off the league season against Altona City at Kim Reserve. The committee told us that Micky Lynn had been sacked. Everyone demanded to know why. We even had a players' meeting and there was talk about refusing to play, but in the end the club had to come first."

Actually I ended up being dropped from the first team squad for the Altona City game because I arrived at the ground at 2.07pm on the Saturday instead of 2pm. Tony Schipano played instead of me that day."

Tuffield was doing shift work for TAA at the time and had been working on the Saturday of the match. He decided to switch jobs after arriving late for the game and being dropped. He quit TAA two weeks

later and worked for a transport company for a few months before joining Fil Cargo Pty. Ltd., his present employer, where he is a sales executive.

Cedo Kirkovic watched Fawkner's second game of the 1982 league season, when it defeated Altona City 5-2 at home and took over after the match, guiding the club to the First Division title and presently trying to establish Fawkner in State League.

"Kirkovic is a good coach. He came to the club at a bad time for any coach, because the players were very unhappy with Lynn being sacked, but Kirkovic quickly won the respect of most people at Fawkner."

"Actually, because we're not winning regularly this year, we've lost a few supporters but I'm sure that once we start doing well they'll come back."

"We've got some good young players coming up. John Sanipoli and Robert Palmariotti are going to have big futures and Tony Schipano, the cousin of his first team namesake, is a player in the reserves who I've noticed has got a lot of talent."

While Fawkner hasn't set the State League scene alight — a hard fact to face after being so successful for the past six years — the club will be content to entrench itself at this level until it can build a championship challenge level. Tuffield says many Fawkner players found adapting to State League no easy task but he says those who are coping well at present will be even better next year.

"State League's a yard faster than First Division. But I've got no doubts that we can have a try for the top four next year and if we make it, then we'll be aiming to have a crack at the championship in 1985."

Tuffield's found stoppers Don Brownlie of Box Hill and Danny McCuskey of Polonia two of his toughest opponents. He raves about the talent of Croatia's Tommy Cumming and says of his own game that whenever he faces battles in the air he relishes the challenge.

"My most memorable games always seem to be when I'm up against guys who are good in the air. My heading is my biggest asset. I'm not that strong on the ground but I'm hoping to improve that area of my game."

Early this year, Tuffield signed a three-year contract with Fawkner, so switching clubs is far from his mind.

"Fawkner is a real go-ahead club and it always has looked after me well. I certainly haven't got any complaints. The one thing that's sad about this year is the severe financial problem that has sidelined sweeper Les Gooney. For my money Les is the best player at the club and he would have had a great season in State League, I'm certain. Hopefully, he'll make a successful comeback for 1984."

TYCOON COLUSSO: \$80,000 A YEAR

Rene Colusso is the closest Australia has to a soccer tycoon. After nine years in Italy, the former Marconi player owns a villa at Arezzo near Florence and a beach house at Arigento in the south of Sicily.

Colusso, 27, earns about \$80,000 a year — and he plays only third division soccer in Italy.

He joined his present club, Akragas of Sicily, after spells with Torino and Pisa.

Colusso's rise to stardom started in 1972, when Pele, on tour with Santos, picked him out for a soccer scholarship which took him to Brazil.

Later, Colusso was to play one match for Australia — in a victory over China in Melbourne in 1975 — before moving to Italy.

He and his wife Maria and nine-month-old daughter Elena were back in Sydney last week, to visit Rene's parents and his soccer-playing brother Dennis (ex-Marconi).

And he offered to play for Australia if coach Les Schefflin needs him.

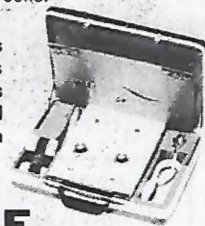
"After nine years playing in Italy, I think I have something to offer to Australia and I am confident I could be of great benefit to the Soccer team in the World Cup elimination games," he said.

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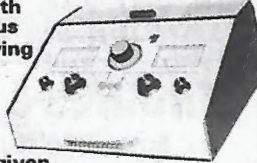
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Marko Perinovic (Canberra), striker



Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill), full back

● One of Australia's most experienced players, Jim Tansey of Heidelberg, said in "Soccer Action" recently that the standard of top soccer had dropped because many of the top players were fading out after a long innings.

But he said that the young lions now emerging through the ranks should lift the standard again once they mature fully.

Who then is the new Branko Buljevic, the new John Perin, Ivo Prskalo, Jim Hermiston, Des Marton, Neil McGachey, or Roy Drinkwater?

We present some of them to you on this page. It is a tribute to some of Australia's best young players, and we hope it also serves as a bit of extra encouragement.



Steve Atsialas (left), midfielder or striker of West Adelaide, pursued by another young star, Ian Gray, the APLA midfielder



Steve Maxwell (right), the Adelaide City striker, gets away from Newcastle's young midfielder Brett Cowburn.



Russell Stewart (Brisbane Lions), midfielder



Wayne Farnsworth (Melita Eagles), striker



Peter Petkovski (St. George), striker



Frank Farina (Canberra), striker



Ray Vlastos (Wollongong), stopper

Greeks are the secret, not Tom Docherty

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Pardon me for chuckling — but I cannot help it, seeing all the extraordinary hypocrisy around us.

Time and time again you can read statements from Olympic's irrepressible Tommy Docherty explaining that the secret of his team's large, popular support is the type of game they play: brash, bold, virile and attacking.

This, Tommy says, is the solution that can bring salvation to soccer.

The fact that we have a very large Greek colony in Sydney apparently has nothing to do with it.

If Olympic were not a Greek club but, let's say, made up of Norwegian or Belgian migrants, they could start attacking before kick-off — and still wouldn't draw crowds.

Olympic and their predecessors Pan Hellenic, have always been a major drawcard — because they rely on a numerically large ethnic group.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with that; I wish we had more like them.

But to pretend that Olympic's support exists because they play a different type of game is sheer nonsense.

Then there is a second factor contributing to the team's healthy attendances.

Some two years ago or so, under the leadership of former president John Constantine, Olympic realised the importance of having players with a Greek background.

What was for years a British-Australian team has been rapidly transformed through the presence of Raskopoulos, Katholos, Ziras, Koussas, Dakos, Patikas and Patalis.

These are players the Greek fans can associate with; they regard them as their own, the kids of friends and neighbours — not just imports from some faraway, obscure Scottish villages.

This policy of Constantine has paid rich dividends — and if the flow of talent can be maintained, Olympic will remain the best supported club in Sydney.

The recent emergence of young Terry Patalis shows that the reservoir of youthful, often second-generation Greek talent is healthy.

Patalis is the most exciting wing talent I have seen for many years with superior potential to most others including those who played for the Young Socceroos in Mexico.

I think you should memorise his name fast: this boy, 19, could easily develop into an Australian international.

Talking of young talent: St. George have three in the wings — all under 17 and all with NSL experience.

Leading the parade at the moment is Peter Petkovski, a very skilful, strong, well built striker of Macedonian background.

Earlier this year St. George sent him on a scholarship tour to train with Vojvodina in Yugoslavia — and he came back a mature player.

The other two are Pedro Ricoy and Andrew Koczka. Ricoy, on the slight side, hails from Uruguay while Koczka is Australian born of Hungarian parents — a tall, powerful midfielder or defender.

Coach Frank Arok is bringing them along quietly, patiently — working with them individually on non-training days.

All three could be regulars next season — Petkovski perhaps before the other two.

"It's entirely up to them whether they reach the top or fade away, like so many other talents," Arok says. "At this crucial age a boy MUST have the ambition to succeed, he MUST want to leave the kids behind and join the men."

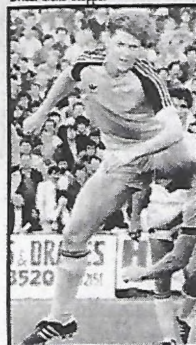
"Of course, they all have deficiencies — at this age it would be surprising if they didn't — and it's up to them to shed the rough edges."



Alan Hunter (rear), the young Brisbane Lions stopper



Steve Glockner (Brisbane City), striker



Ian McKie (Heidelberg), full back



Chris Bakiris (SM-Hellas), striker



Pedro Ricoy (Box Hill), midfielder



Joe Rizzotto (Merconi), full back



Rino Liccio (Merconi), winger



Tony Dakos (Sydney Olympic), centre back



Dean Hennessey (Albion Rovers), centre back

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Griffith is the mastermind who makes Melita mighty

Visiting teams took all but one point in round 19 of the NSW State League. In fact, home sides managed only one goal between them with Auburn scoring against Avala at Mona Park.

Croatia, until recently the leading side in the competition, failed to go past Cassettari and the determined Manly outfit to be the only visiting team in this round without a goal to its name.

Croatia retained second spot on the ladder but will have to contend with Blacktown Demons this week in what is certainly the match of the round. Blacktown defeated Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park in convincing fashion.

With 36 goals to its name, Blacktown is now the most feared attacking team in the comp, whilst Croatia, with only seven goals against, sits at the bottom of the table.

And while Blacktown and Croatia struggle for points at the Gabbie, Melita Eagles, already two points clear of Blacktown, is getting ready for Auburn at Mona Park. Melita defeated Bankstown convincingly, last weekend with two goals coming from the penalty spot and one from the head of McKie. If we add to that the fact that Melita played with just 10 men for most of the match then it is easy to understand the unfortunate tale of Bankstown in this particular contest.

Kuringai soundly beat Yugal and with a little more luck and penetration it could have been a really black day for the old dark blues. The win puts Kuringai firmly into the top four, a point ahead of Avala and three in front of Sutherland.

Inter Monaro keeps knocking on the door of the four. Its round win over Polonia confirms coach Roberto Vieri's optimism. Only three points adrift from Kuringai and yet to play the Chasers, Inter Monaro could surprise.

The battle for the top four as well as for the minor Premiership is getting hotter by the week. Croatia, Blacktown and Melita seem to have the battle for the top spot to themselves, whilst four clubs are battling for the remaining position in the play-offs.

Lets look at the top three for the moment and their remaining games.

MELITA EAGLES: has to play Auburn, Sutherland, Kuringai, Croatia, Inter and Polonia.

CROATIA: Blacktown, Avala, Auburn, Sutherland, Melita, Polonia, Yugal.

BLACKTOWN: Croatia, Polonia, Yugal, Canterbury, Bankstown, Inter and Kuringai.

Both, Blacktown and Croatia have a game in hand on Melita, but Melita has the points on the board.

Despite its position, I'd venture to say that Blacktown has as much chance as the other two teams of grabbing the Premiership. But what about those battling to enter the play-off series, Kuringai, Avala, Sutherland and Inter? Let's look at their remaining games.

KURINGAI: will have to face Canterbury, Bankstown, Melita, Inter Monaro, Manly, Avala and Blacktown.

AVALA: Sutherland, Croatia, Polonia, Yugal, Canterbury, Kuringai and Bankstown.

INTER MONARO: Yugal, Canterbury, Bankstown, Kuringai, Melita, Manly and Blacktown yet to face.

SUTHERLAND: Avala, Auburn, Melita, Croatia, Polonia, Yugal and Canterbury.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Yugal 0 Kuringai 3

Scorers: Leak 2, Brockbank YUGAL: Berry, Turkubek, Forster, McIntosh (last off 70'), Gagic, Pahor, Marsella (Baumgartner 68'), Banjac, Cummings, Zivkovic (65'), Tanovski.

KURINGAI: Curtis, Berry, Jesse, Robertson, Knight, Regan, Brockbank, Leak, Eaton (50' Davidson), Challoner.

Kuringai surprised by winning at Fraser Park despite the loss of its star striker after 50 minutes and having to administer some changes to its defence following the injury to Keyan.

Yugal, having beaten Croatia at Fraser Park recently and with its full side on show, including David McIntosh, looked strong enough to reverse the score between the two sides earlier this year at Parklands.

McIntosh had a lucky reprieve when it was learnt that last week he was not reported after apparently being booked for the fourth time this year and did not have "enough" points to sit this game out. However the unfortunate McIntosh will now most probably have to be away from soccer for two weeks, following a yellow, then a red card received in this match.

It was a spiteful match with six yellow cards and a red being given. Turkubek, Pahor and Forster for Yugal and Brockbank and Regan were the offenders.

After a goalless first half Kuringai scored two minutes after the interval. Brockbank's low cross was cleared only to the feet of Steve Leak and the ex-Auburn striker stabbed it back accurately to make it 1-0.

Off went Eaton with an

injury and in came Davidson a few minutes later. This change did nothing to stop the marauding Chasers who were soon to go two up. Stuart Regan was brought down by Forster in the 55th minute and took the resultant penalty. His first shot was saved by Berry as well as the rebound but as the ball bounced off Berry to the feet of Steve Leak it was curtains this time.

Berry made yet another fine save from Brockbank close to the end of the match, but the Kuringai player had the ball in the net with two minutes remaining after a fine solo run.

Bankstown 0 Melita Eagles 3

Scorers: Farrugia 2 pen. goals, McKie.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Augustine, King, Vucelja, Kennedy (64' 82'), Silvert (Brown 45'), Bourke, York, Blackburn, Barker, Sillens.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McLennan, Daley, Griffith, Duarte (Farrsworth 45'), Jamieson (last off 10'), Allen, Farrugia, McKie.

Despite the loss of Alex Jamieson after only 10 minutes of the match at the Soccer Centre, Melita never was extended and won by a three goal margin.

Jamieson was sent off for alleged dissent with Melita already one up after Ray Farrugia had scored from the penalty spot in the 8th minute.

For the next hour it was a dull struggle with 10 Melita men having little trouble coping with everything thrown at them by the home side. In the 68th minute, Farrugia was brought down and Farrugia scored again from the resultant penalty.

Four minutes later it was McKie who got up to head past Giffin after good work by Allan and Williams. McKie had another opportunity with five minutes remaining while Sillens had one for Bankstown but a shot by McKie was wide while McPherson made a good save from Sillens.

Raul Blanco must be extremely satisfied with his side. Nine games without defeat with eight straight wins, including wins over Blacktown, Manly, Avala and a draw with Croatia has moved Melita from a shaky third spot into top place on the league ladder. It is no coincidence that Billy Griffith, the master midfielder, arrived at the time when Melita's upsurge started. Taking little away from the rest of the team, the addition of Griffith has been the success story of the season.

Croatia 0 Manly Warringah 0

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasich, M. Kovacic, Sterry, Basic, Reza, Savor, Arnold (82'), Kovacic, Holloway, Hensman.

MANLY: Cassettari, Geoghegan, Williamson, K. Falconer, Scott, F. Jones, Steven, Vale, (68' Stuart), Smith, P. Falconer, Noble.

Both sides played some good attacking soccer, creating numerous openings with both keepers, Cassettari and Watson, in great form.

The first chance fell to Manly with Smith receiving a pass from Steven before hitting an angled shot which Watson just managed to tip around the post for a corner.

At the other end it was Cassettari who just managed to pluck the ball away from the head of Arnold.

Croatia stormed into attack early in the second half looking for that vital winning goal, but Manly's defence stood firm and despite a constant barrage for almost 20 minutes, the result stood at 0-0.

Manly relied on breakaways during this stanza and almost came away with both points. Following a corner kick by Peter Falconer it was Roy Jones who stabbed his shot just over the bar with Watson out of position.

Auburn 1 Avala 2

Scorers: Allen (Aub), Muniz, Tilt (Avala).

AUBURN: Bowman, Guilgley, Kithall, Kelly, Hardwick, Bohan, McDermid, Townsend, (60' Roberts), Kinsey (Martinez 70'), Alan, Carney.

AVALA: Ahrens, Vujinovic, Delier, Barton, McKenzie, Milne, Fernandez, Muniz, Tilt (Rodriguez 64'), Fernandez (Youssef 64'), Youssef.

Round 19: Manly-Croatia 0-0; Polonia-Inter 0-1; Yugal-Kuringai 0-3 (Leak 2, Brockbank); Bankstown-Melita 0-3 (Farrugia 2 pen, McKie); Sutherland-Blacktown 0-3 (McLaughlin, Walker, Hesford og); Auburn-Avala 1-2 (Allen, Aub; Muniz, Tilt, Avala).

STANDINGS

MELITA EAGLES	13	2	3	35-10	28
CROATIA	10	6	1	23-7	26
BLACKTOWN	12	0	5	36-16	24
KURINGAI	9	4	4	22-16	21
Avala	7	4	23-20	20	
Inter Monaro	6	5	23-18	18	
Sutherland	4	5	20-28	18	
Manly Warringah	5	7	26-28	16	
Yugal	4	7	16-25	15	
Polonia	3	5	19-28	11	
Canterbury	4	3	10-22	11	
Bankstown	2	4	12-14	8	
Auburn	2	2	13-18	4	

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Maroon Polo: Inter Monaro v Yugal, Sunday: 31 July 83 Cromer Park: Manly v Polonia; Parklands: Kuringai v Canterbury; Gabbie: Blacktown v Croatia; Knight Park: Avala v Sutherland; Mona Park: Auburn v Melita Eagles.

Bozanic, Ward and Niven the NSL's penalty kings

By ANDREW DETTRE

Some 10 days ago the NSL passed the half-way mark, offering a good opportunity to put the teams and players under microscope. (From now, all statements and figures relate to the first 15 rounds only).

The team which scored in most games is — perhaps surprisingly — Wollongong. Only once against St George did it fail to score at least once.

Makedonia, Sydney Hakoah and St George Budapest kept a clean sheet in most matches. Seven times out of 15 did they refuse to concede a goal.

The saints could probably claim the right to split this treble deadheat: they are the only team that did not concede more than two goals in a match.

How did the traditional Melbourne-Sydney rivalry shape in the away matches?

Of the Melbourne teams — another surprise — Footscray JUST fared the best in Sydney, winning four points and dropping four, followed by Makedonia with 2/2, Heidelberg-Alexander 1/7 and South Melbourne Hellas also 1/7.

Of the Sydney teams, Hakoah had the most disastrous record in Melbourne — 0/9, that is losing all three games to round 15. St George was 3/0, Marconi on 3/3, Olympic on 0/3 and APIA Leichhardt also on 0/3 points.

So far South Melbourne Hellas has used the least (14) players and Lions (28) the most.

Details, with the list of players who did not miss a game for their clubs and the number of players used in brackets.

Sydney City (18) O'Connor, Robertson, Cant, Watson, Kosmina.

St George (16) Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Marton, Marconi (21), Sermann.

Olympic (23): Rogers, Jennings.

APIA (17): Woodhouse, Bradley.

Newcastle (17): Tredinnick, Bourke, Gosling, Jones.

Wollongong (19): Ainsworth, Cotton.

Canberra (17): Hozoski, Bryant, T. Byrne.

SM-Hellas (14): Laumets, Russell, Blair, Murphy, Egan.

Heidelberg (15): Oliver, McKie, Yankos, Spanos, Selemidis, Lea, Toro.

Makedonia (15): Wilson, Jones, Campbell, Lucchesi, Ward, McMillan, Odzakovic.

Footscray JUST (21): Boland, Kyriakoulas, Hazabent, Carroll.

Adelaide City (19): McNally, Nyskonos, Banfield, Melita, Dods.

West Adelaide (23): Atsalas, Heyes.

Lions (28): Hunter, Niven, Hogg.

Brisbane City (20): Wilkinson, Hughes.

Makedonia's Claude Lucchesi scored in most matches (seven) while three players, Bozanic, Ward and Niven each converted two penalties.

Only six teams did not concede an own goal: St George, Olympic, APIA, Canberra, Wollongong and West Adelaide.

The record holders are Makedonia Newcastle and South Melbourne Hellas with two own goals apiece.



Makedonia striker Claude Lucchesi



Marconi defender Vic Bozanic

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Yankos now five votes clear

Heidelberg's Charlie Yankos took advantage of his main challengers' misfortune to increase his lead in the voting for the \$1500 Boral Bricks Player of the Year award.

And APIA's John Bradley stayed abreast of Claude Lucchesei (Makedonia) in the race for the \$1000 top scorer's prize. Both have nine goals.

Phil O'Connor (Wollongong), who is second to Yankos in the voting, missed the weekend match against Hellas, while Neil Banfill (Adelaide City), who is third, had to leave the field due to injury against APIA.

Yankos meanwhile, polled two votes for his performance against Canberra, increasing his lead over O'Connor from three to five points.

David Ratcliffe (St. George) and Alan Davidson (Hellas) continued their advance. Ratcliffe joined teammate Terry Greedy in equal fourth place and Davidson moved up to fifth position.

Charlie Egan (Hellas) scored for the first time in a row, lifting his total to eight goals, one less than joint leaders Lucchesei and Bradley, in the goalscorers' award. The winner will receive \$1000 from Boral Bricks. If it's a tie, penalties will be deducted, and if it's still a tie, Cup goals will count.

This week's votes:

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Lujic, Carroll) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Dunn) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd about 1200. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Lujic (JUST), 5. Carroll (JUST), 4. Wright (BL), 3. Hunter (BL), 2. Boland (JUST), 1. McDowell (JUST).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Cole 2, Lee) CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Gibson) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. McKie (H), 5. Murray (C), 4. G. Cole (H), 3. T. Byrne (C), 2. Yankos (H), 1. Farina (C).

BRISBANE CITY 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1400. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Wishart (BC), 5. Honeyman (WA), 4. Heys (WA), 3.

Williamson (BC), 2. Hughes (BC), 1. Dunn (WA).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Slater) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina, Murray) at St George Stadium. Crowd about 2900. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Souness (SC), 5. Watson (SC), 4. Ratcliffe (St.G.), 3. Gomez (SC), 2. O'Connor (SC), 1. Barnes (SC).

WOLLONGONG 2 (Dickson, Gaffney) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown, Egan) at Ziems Park. Crowd 1865. Votes by Phil Murphy:

6. Gaffney (W), 5. Davidson (SM), 4. Crino (SM), 3. Vlietstra (W), 2. Russel (SM), 1. Woodin (SM).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (B. Nyskohus pen) APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 (Bradley, Bertogna) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 2000. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 5. Morsello (APIA), 4. Parkes (APIA), 3. Butler (APIA), 2. Villani (AC), 1. Bradley (APIA).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 2 (Senkalski, Mason) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Lucchesei) at International Sports Centre. Crowd 2640. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Senkalski (N), 5. Burke (N), 4. Odzakov (Mak), 3. Lowe (N), 2. Lucchesei (Mak), 1. Jones (Mak).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Soper 2 incl. pen.) MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1 (Brown, Jankovics) at Pratten Park. Crowd 5467. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Brown (M), 5. Jennings (SO), 4. Soper (SO), 3. Bozanic (M), 2. Meier (SO), 1. James (M).

Leaders:

53. Yankos (H), 48. P. O'Connor (W), 47. Banfill (AC), 43. Ratcliffe, Greedy (St.G), 41. Davidson (SM), 39. Burke (N), 38. Bryant (C), Bradley (APIA), 36. Hoszowski (C), 34. Sermanni (M), 33. Honeyman (WA), Odzakov, Jones (Mak), Tokesi (BC), Lowe (N).

32. B. Nyskohus (AC), 31. Carroll (JUST), 30. G. Campbell (Mak), 29. Heys (WA), Watson (SC), Belic (JUST), 28. Karholos (SO), Lucchesei (Mak), Kyriakoulas (JUST), 27. Sreen (St.G), McMillan (Mak), 26. Boland (JUST), Hamilton (BC), 25. Henderson (M), S. O'Connor (SC), Hunter, Wright (BL).

Top Scorers:

9. Lucchesei (Mak), Bradley (APIA), 8. Egan (SM), Soper (SO), Kosmina (SC), Ward (Mak), 7. O'Connor (W), 6. Bryant (C), Brown (M), Mountford (N).

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NEXT WEEK: The George Best interview.

BEST BACK NEXT YEAR

Superstar George Best, who has just completed a four-match NSL stint with Brisbane Lions, is certain to be back in Australia next year.

And West Adelaide Hellas seems the most likely to sign the mercurial Irishman.

Best, despite the adverse reaction to his Brisbane stint, played brilliantly for Hellas in a challenge match against Adelaide Juventus and finally was given the opportunity to show his skills.

While Best and his manager Bill McMurdo were treated splendidly by Brisbane Lions, there is the feeling that Lions were not the ideal side for Best.

He joined Lions after a string of four straight losses, and though Lions beat Olympic 2-1 in the Irishman's first game, the club hardly sparkled in the other three games.

The biggest problem, it seems, is that Lions were unable to involve Best in the play and consequently they flopped and the blame was unfairly heaped on the former Manchester United star.

West Adelaide, however, clearly illustrated how effective Best can be as an attacking midfielder.

There is certainly no question that Best has retained all his skills.

If he returns to Australia, Best and McMurdo will need to assess the playing style of the club involved before making a commitment.

Best can still destroy teams, but not on his own.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS

NSL team of the week

In brackets No. of appearances in team of the week:

WISHART (2) (Brisb. City)	BURKE (3) (St. George)	SOUNESS (1) (Syd. City)
GAFFNEY (1) (Wollongong)	SENKALSKI (2) (Newcastle)	P. TREDINNICK (1) (APIA)
WATSON (3) (Syd. City)	BROWN (2) (Marconi)	LUJIC (1) (Footsc. JUST)

National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets:

	HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1. (1) Preston Makedonia	7	2	0	20	6	2	4	2	11	9	31:15	33
2. (2) Sydney City Hakoah	5	3	0	14	4	4	1	4	11	15	25:20	31
3. (3) Newcastle KB United	5	3	2	13	6	4	0	3	14	9	27:15	30
4. (4) St.George Budapest	4	3	1	10	6	3	3	3	8	5	18:11	27
5. (5) Brisbane City	4	3	2	16	14	3	2	7	12		23:26	27
6. (7) APIA-Leichhardt	6	1	2	19	9	2	1	5	10	14	29:23	26
7. (6) Sydney Olympic	3	2	3	13	9	4	2	3	12	9	25:18	25
8. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	4	2	2	15	14	2	3	4	13	13	27:27	23
9. (12) Heidelberg-Alexander	5	1	2	13	6	0	6	3	6	13	19:19	22
10. (11) West Adelaide Hellas	4	3	2	12	11	1	4	2	4	6	16:17	22
11. (9) Canberra Arrows	5	2	1	18	7	1	1	7	9	18	27:25	21
12. (10) Adelaide City Juventus	3	2	4	10	11	3	1	5	12	13	22:24	21
13. (13) South Melbourne Hellas	2	3	4	10	13	3	2	3	11	14	21:27	20
14. (15) Footscray J.U.S.T.	3	2	3	8	15	1	3	5	5	13	13:30	17
15. (14) Brisbane Lions	4	0	4	14	13	0	2	7	7	25	21:38	14
16. (16) Wollongong	0	6	2	10	12	1	3	5	13	21	23:15	13

Makedonia has a ladies' day

By LAURIE SCHWAB

To help celebrate Makedonian national day, Preston-Makedonia will admit women free of charge to its big match against APIA-Leichhardt at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Traditional Makedonian dances will be performed before the match and Channel 9/28 will show the game from 7.30 that night.

Having drawn two and lost one of its past three matches, Makedonia is left only two points clear of Sydney Hakoah at the top of the ladder. One slip could cost Makedonia the lead and APIA showed against Adelaide Juventus last Sunday that it is quite capable of winning away from home.

Makedonia however, still is unbeaten at Connor Reserve this year, and remains the top-scoring side in the league due to the prowess of Claude Lucchesei. Gary Ward, George Campbell and Zarko Odzakov.

APIA too, brings to Connor Reserve some of the best players in the NSL — Arno Bertogna in defence, Peter Tredinnick and Terry Butler in midfield, and particularly John Bradley, who is vying for the Boral Bricks Player of the Year award, as well as the Top Scorer award.

Bradley and Lucchesei are the joint top scorers in the league, with nine goals each so far.

Newcastle, which is moving

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

SUNDAY
Brisbane Lions v HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Richlands, 3 pm.
Record: H'berg 6 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 18.9 goals.

Canberra Arrows v St George Budapest (draw) at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.
Record: St Geo 5 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 16.19 goals.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Wollongong at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.
Record: Syd C 4 wins, 1 draw, 0 loss, 15.6.

South Melbourne Hellas v Brisbane City (draw) at Middle Park, 3 pm.
Record: Brisb C 6 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 18.18 goals.

West Adelaide Hellas v Newcastle KB United (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.
Record: News 5 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 14.9 goals.

Marconi-Fairfield v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Marconi Stadium 3 pm.
Record: Marc 7 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 27.14 goals.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v APIA-Leichhardt at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.
Record: Mak 2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 8.6 goals.

Sydney Olympic v Adelaide City Juventus (draw) at Pratten Park, 3 pm.
Record: Syd Olymp 6 wins, 0 draw, 5 losses, 17.18 goals.

closer to Makedonia by the week, faces a difficult match at the weekend West Adelaide Hellas hasn't lost in ages, and should be strong enough defensively to draw with Newcastle at Hindmarsh.

Sydney Hakoah also is issuing a strong challenge to Makedonia, and would almost certainly take over league leadership should Makedonia lose to APIA. Hakoah's opponent is Wollongong, which appears to have little hope of snatching a point at the Sydney Athletic Field, despite the return of Phil O'Connor who didn't play last week.

With Ian Souness, Nello Borges, Ken Boden, and Willie Murray all back at their best, Hakoah has the greatest wealth of top-class players in the land. With back-up like that, coach Eddie Thomson has no reason to fear injuries in the second half of the season.

Newcastle for U.S.

You don't take coal to Newcastle — but you can take Newcastle to California.

The Novocastrians, still hopeful of winning the 1983 NSL title, will undertake a tour to the USA in early November.

They will play in an indoor tournament in San Diego — for first-prize money of \$25,000.

To make the trip even more palatable — all their expenses including airfares will be paid from California.

Two of their opponents will be the Green Bay Packers and the local San Diego team. The identity of the fourth participant is not yet known.

Coch Ken Kaiser said this week the team would travel with 15 players and about five officials.

They will also take along club supporters, paying their own way.

On its way home, Newcastle may play a game or two in Honolulu.

Part of the arrangements have been made by KB — whose brew is becoming a best-seller in the USA.

The party will be away for about 14 days — the first senior Australian club to play in the USA.

People interested in joining the travelling party should contact the Newcastle Club for details.

— ANDREW DETTRE

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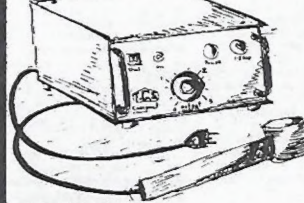
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Lujic wins it for J.U.S.T.

Foots JUST 2
Frisb. Lions 1

Scorers: 0-1 Daunt (BL)
41st; 1-1 Lujic (JUST) 65th;
2-1 Carroll (JUST) 66th.
Venue: Schindler Reserve.
Crowd: About 1200.
Referee: Stewart Mellings 8
Cautions: Hazabent (JUST)
R. Stewart (BL).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.:
Boland 8 - Taylor 7, Tutill 6,
Kyriakoulas 5, Hazabent 6 -
McDowell 8, Belic 6, O'Donnell
6 - Carroll 8, Paton 5,
Lujic 8. **Coach:** Bobby
McLachlan.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds
6 - McClurg 5, Vasquez 7,
Hunter 8, Niven 6 - Hogg 7,
R. Stewart 8, J. Stewart 6,
Ogden 4 (Kelso 70th) -
Wright 8, Daunt 8. **Coach:**
Simon Kistemaker.

Zdravko Lujic conjured up his old magic to lift Footscray J.U.S.T. from defeat to victory within a minute.

He was all smiles after the game. He had been the match-winner, and he basked in the glory.

In the dressing rooms meanwhile, poor Peter McClurg, the young full back who had been marking Lujic, was shaking his head in disbelief, wondering what had hit him. McClurg had held his own during the first half, but after Lujic scored with his head (1) in the 65th minute, there was no holding him.

So impressed was McClurg that he was the first to congratulate Lujic after the match.

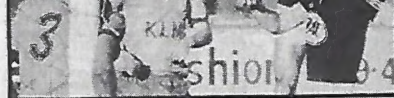
For poor McClurg had spent the previous 25 minutes chasing shadows and tackling thin air.

Had it not been for Lujic Lions would have won or at the very least, drawn this match. Calvin Daunt faced an open goal after a cross from Danny Wright as early as the first minute, but missed by six metres. And despite constant pressure by J.U.S.T., inspired mainly by midfielder Gary McDowell, Lions went in at half time with a one-goal lead.

It was due to a mistake by J.U.S.T. defender Kyriakoulas who slid onto the ball in front of goalkeeper Dennis Boland, who had been calling that it was his ball. But Ky-



Laurie Schwab



Zdravko Lujic heads J.U.S.T.'s equaliser past Lions' Alan Niven and Peter McClurg (No. 3). Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Brian O'Donnell is first to congratulate Lujic after the equaliser.

riakoulas's slide sent the ball past Boland, towards the net, and Daunt raced in to put it over the line.

The J.U.S.T. defence was in disarray for most of the first half. Everyone was so eager to push forward that defensive duties were largely neglected, with the result that Daunt and especially Wright, found a lot of room in breakaways.

Russell Stewart was tireless and constructive in midfield, Alan Hunter kept an iron grip on the J.U.S.T.'s danger man Jamie Paton. John Stewart diligently marked Vlatko Belic and 17-year-old Roddy Vasquez, playing his first NSL game, was quite impressive as a sweeper.

And so Lions were able to withstand that early pressure, during which Carroll had a powerful shot tapped over the bar by goalkeeper Nigel Lownds, who also rushed out to kick clear in front of Paton shortly afterwards. A header

by McDowell whistled just wide and Carroll also was narrowly off target before Lions took over.

First Wright broke away on a pass from Daunt, only to miss from a good position, and then came that mistake by Kyriakoulas which gave Daunt his goal four minutes before half time.

Wright flashed into action again shortly afterwards, but his shot was deflected millimetres over the bar.

The Lions continued to show their teeth after half time. Daunt, playing very constructively, knocked the ball to Steve Hogg in the clear, but Boland saved magnificently for a corner.

Igor Hazabent had to bring down Wright to prevent him from racing clear after Wright had robbed the ball from Kyriakoulas. The foul cost Hazabent the yellow card and suspension from next Sunday's clash with Marconi in Sydney.

With Cole back we'll score a bundle: Macleod



Peter Desira



Gary McDowell



Danny Wright

Heidelberg 3
Canberra 1

Scorers: 1-0 Lea 40m, 2-0 Cole 52m, 2-1 Gibson 72m, 3-0 Cole 82m.

Ground: Olympic Village.
Attendance: 2000 estimate.
Referee: C. Bambridge 9.
Cautions: Stone, MacLeod.
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 7, MacKie 8, Yanikos 8, Macleod 7 (inj. Petersen 68m), Tansley 9, Seleznid 7, Campbell 7, Spanos 7, Lea 7, G. Cole 8, Valentino 7.

CANBERRA-ARROWS: Hozowski 7, Murray 8, Christopoulos 7, Young 7, Bryant 7, D. Cole 7, T. Byrne 8, Stone 7, Brennan 7 (MacLaren 77m), Gibson 7, Farina 8.

The warning from Don Macleod to the rest of the National League is loud and clear. "Watch how Heidelberg will zoom up the table for the rest of the season - we'll score a bundle of goals."

The confident statement from the centre back follows the return of Gary Cole who is being seen as the last piece in the rebuilding jigsaw of coach Ken Morton.

"Gary has made a big difference to the side. He shows for the ball all the time and although his first touch is not there yet, he has taken a hell of a lot of pressure off the backline already because the rest of the team has someone to aim at up front," Macleod said.

He and Derek Lea are going to demoralise defences. Derek's workrate is phenomenal."

The centre back did not finish the game, having to come off midway through the second half, after limping for an hour following a clash with Duncan Cole in a 50-50 tackle. His ankle was "up like a balloon" after the game but he was confident he would be back in time for this weekend's match.

It might have been coincidental but Cole's return brought about Heidelberg's highest scoring game of the season. The team had not scored more than two goals in its previous 16 league matches.

He notched two goals - the second at a vital period when Canberra was exerting all the pressure - and both came from headers.

"They thought he couldn't head a ball but neither goal was a fluke," Morton said after the game.

Canberra coach Atti Abonyi blamed his defence for failing to challenge Cole on both occasions. "You can't afford to give anybody free headers in the area," he said.

"Neither side played particularly good football and you'd be hard pressed to pick the best players of the game but Heidelberg took their chances while we didn't."

"The most disappointing thing for me is that we can't seem to produce for 90 minutes. We made a strong comeback in the second half but it



Gary Cole

turned out to be too late in the end." Abonyi said.

Heidelberg missed three clear cut chances before breaking the deadlock in the 40th minute through Lea.

The goal came from a corner taken by Campbell. Macleod met it on the edge of the box and Lea bobbed up to steer it into the net.

Cole notched his first in the 52nd minute. Jim Tansey planted a free kick from the right into the area and with Steve Hozowski and George Christopoulos hesitating, Cole went up unchallenged to head home.

Good refereeing by Chris Bambridge gave Canberra the chance to get back into the game in the 72nd minute.

Frank Farina made ground down the left only to be floored by a late challenge but Bambridge did not whistle for the foul as the ball fell nicely for Ian Gibson.

That was the sign for Canberra to increase its pressure and Jeff Oliver earned his bread with a couple of fine saves, one off an Ian Stone free kick and the other stopping a Terry Byrne header following Steve Bryant's cross.

Cole however put an end to Canberra's hopes of a draw from another free kick situation. Hozowski got a poor touch to another of Tansey's free kicks and only managed to palm the ball as far as Theo Seleznid on the right side. The midfielder steadied and his point-centred Cole unmarked again to head strongly into the net over two defenders.

The win lifted Heidelberg to eighth spot on the table and got Morton talking about a possible late challenge for the championship.

Anfield signing

Arsenal beat Liverpool for Charlie Nicholas but the First Division Champions stole a march on Terry Neill's Gunners when they forked out \$650,000 for Coventry City's Under 21 Scotland defender Gary Gillespie.

Tuaret to Stoke

Surprisingly freed by Manchester City at the end of last season experienced striker Dennis Tuaret remains in the First Division by signing for Stoke City.

Skeen sent off, Barnes in doubt

St. George 1
Syd. City 2

Venue: St George Stadium.
Scorers: Kosmina (SC) 24th min, Murray (SC) 77th min, Slater (SLG) both min. **Cautions:** Barton, Skeen, Ratcliffe, Stone (all St Geo), Kay, Mitchell, Barnes (all SC), Hakoah.

Sent off: Skeen (St Geo) 87th minute.

Ref: R. Lorenz 6. **Crowd:** 2900.

SYD. C. HAKOAH: Clarke 7 - Cant 7, Gomez 8, O'Connor 7, Souances 9 - Kay 6, Barnes 7, Borges 5 - Watson 5, Kosmina 6, Mitchell 6 (Murray 7, 40th min).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 5 - Skeen 6 (sent off 87th) Ratcliffe 9, M. O'Shea 6, (Petrovski 6, 71st min), R. O'Shea 7 - Stone 5, J. O'Shea 6, Barton 5 - Slater 5, Wilkinson 5, Marton 5.

Sydney City Hakoah's fabled ability to plug holes in its lineup with "new" faces again will be demonstrated at the weekend against wooden-spooner Wollongong.

Coach Eddie Thomson will have to find a replacement for David Mitchell, who will be in Scotland preparing for his try out with Glasgow Rangers.

In addition, nobody knew in the immediate aftermath to the win against the Saints, whether Murray Barnes was due for an enforced absence of one match.

He received a caution from



Peter Scott

referee Richard Lorenz for "ungentlemanly conduct," a euphemism for time wasting in the second half.

And looking slightly further into the future, Tony Pezzano will be called on to deputise for Todd Clarke between the sticks against Brisbane City, during Clarke's week-long absence on a business trip.

But who cares? Certainly Thomson doesn't, when he can call on the likes of Willie Murray, who took over for Mitchell just before half-time when the left winger suffered a knock.

For the second week running Murray scored a vital goal, this time in the 77th minute, and did it in impeccable style, choosing his spot well wide of goalie Greedy and on target with a scorching drive.

This made it two for the champs, for whom Kosmina had opened the scoring from close range in the 24th minute. Robbie Slater made what was virtually his only significant contribution to the match when he neatly slotted a header from Dez Marton's cross into Clarke's net with 10 minutes left.

There was momentary panic in the Hakoah rear echelons in the next few minutes, but after Ian Souness had saved twice off the line it was all over bar the shouting and grinding of teeth in the Budapest camp.

For Souness his final flourish was the crowning glory in a great day on which he was the best man afield, proving his complete recovery from a recurring back injury which threatened to put him out of soccer for good just a couple of months ago.

There were other good performances worthy of mention, with David Ratcliffe again a tower of strength for the Saints.

Watson was brilliant in attack and midfield for Hakoah, as was Gerry Gomez in defence.

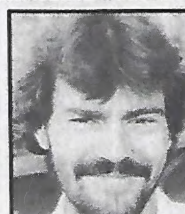
The young Costa Rican utility player will be admired for his technical skills, but more than makes up for this shortcoming with an all-go style of wholehearted soccer which should be an example to his less enthusiastic contemporaries.

Lesing coach Frank Arok pondered the unpleasant fact that Ratcliffe was virtually alone in matching the NSL champions' skills.

Major problems are apparent up front as proven by a series of missed opportunities through the 90 minutes, although, to be fair, Kosmina and Mitchell also missed some gilt-edged chances.

Dez Marton seems to have entered the twilight of his career and is proving painfully - almost embarrassingly - short of pace, relying only on his occasional flash of skill or ability with a free kick.

To add to Arok's woes, his usually impeccable goalkeeper Terry Greedy seemed unsure



Ian Souness

of himself, misjudging a number of situations in the swirling winds.

Mike O'Shea was totally off color, almost allowing a Hakoah goal in the first half with a ridiculous back pass, which allowed Mitchell in with a chance, which he promptly wasted.

And so, the problems multiplied for the Saints, topped off by David Skeen's sending off in the final minutes for a foul on Kay, after having received a caution for dissent 25 minutes earlier.

And a final word of possible controversy? No less than seven yellow cards (and one red) were flashed in a match which saw only 18 free kicks (eight for the Saints and 10 for the visitors) awarded for assorted fouls other than off-sides and hand balls.

Wollongong 2
SM-Hellas 2

Scorers: W'gong: Dickson, Gaffney. Hellas: Brown, Egan.

Venue: Ziems Park, Corimal.

Crowd: 1565.

Referee: Gary Power 8.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 6 - Willis 6, Vlietstra 7, Ainsworth 6, Korr 7 - Fleming 5, Gaffney 8, McBrean 5, Pollard 6 - Cotton 7, Dickson 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE-HELLAS: Launeta 6 - Russell 7, Xanthopoulos 6, Blair 7, Zyzdorn 5 (Wooddin 7, half time) - Davidson 8, Crino 7, Holford 6, Murphy 7 - Brown 7, Egan 7.

Wollongong had the game by the throat six minutes into the second half when a champagne goal by Larry Gaffney almost tore the net out of the Hellas goal to give the home side a 2-0 lead.

However, the Wolves, defence was still enjoying the thrill of holding such a strong lead when Doug Brown pulled a goal back a minute later.

With that goal, Hellas started to take control all over the pitch with replacement striker

Steve Wooddin running riot on the left flank and his quick silver front-running partner Charlie Egan slipping in behind the flagging Wollongong defence.

In fact it was Wooddin who laid the foundations for the equaliser when his clever pass put Egan clear on the edge of the area, but it was Wollongong goalie, Natch Vardareff's mistake that made the goal a reality. Egan's shot lacked power, but Vardareff dived right over the rolling ball.

Wooddin, came into the match at half-time when John Zyzdorn had to be replaced because of injury.

The Kiwi star gave the Hellas attack the direction and flair it had lacked in the first half when he, Wollongong called the tune.

Larry Gaffney dictated play in the first 40 minutes, with strikers Roy Cotton and Scott Dickson testing the Hellas defence.

The long-striding Dickson scored the first goal when he

put the finishing touch to a well worked free-kick move near the penalty area.

Gaffney's goal was perhaps Wollongong's goal of the year at Ziems Park.

The ball fell out to the edge of the penalty area from Dickson's head and Gaffney's searing drive cut a swathe through the mass of defenders and Launeta's first reaction was when he turned to pick the ball out of the net.

After Hellas had equalised, it looked more likely to snatch the winner. Wooddin and Egan went perilously close with the defence stretched and beaten.

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SENKALSKI MAGIC SINKS MAKEDONIA

Newcastle 2 Makedonia 1

Scorers: 29th Lucchesi (Mak), Senkalski (N) 32nd, Mason (N) 40th.

Venue: International Sports Centre.

Crowd: 2640.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 7.

Cautions: Flavell (Mak), Mason (N) 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7, Maier 7, Burke 8, Watson 7, H. Tredinnick 7, Lowe 8, Mason 7, Senkalski 9, Jones 6, (Cowan 78th), Channon 7, Mountford 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Flavell 6, Jones 8, Todorovski 7, Opasina 7, Iliiski 6, (Ollerton 71st), McKillop 7, Odzakovic 8, Campbell 7, Lucchesi 8, Ward 6.

A masterly performance by midfielder Joe Senkalski paved the way for Newcastle's victory over competition leader Makedonia.

Although the victory was a complete team effort Senkalski was the springboard from which all Newcastle's attacks were mounted.

Some of his defence splitting passes, especially in the second half when playing against a strong breeze, had the touch of genius about them and were certainly in the best South American or European tradition.

However Senkalski was not the only star of the game. Both teams should take a bow for producing the best game seen at the Sports Centre this season.

It was refreshing to see for once that the respective team positions on the competition ladder were reflected in the standard of play. Makedonia came to Newcastle as the NSL front runner and the players' performance and attitude

certainly did not tarnish their reputations. In fact the visitors opened the scoring in the 29th minute in a rather controversial fashion but with an extremely well-taken goal.

Newcastle's English guest player Mick Channon, making his last appearance before returning to Norwich City, was blatantly tripped, but referee Tony Boskovic waved play-on, allowing George Campbell to break away on the right and after drawing all the defence to his side, Campbell lifted the ball to the opposite side where unmarked Claude Lucchesi was lurking, and Makedonia's leading goalscorer neatly chipped the ball over - advancing Clinton Gosling and into an empty net.

Newcastle's reaction was immediate. Three minutes later it was back on level terms, with a splendid 25-metre half-volley by Joe Senkalski.

From a corner take by David Jones (the Newcastle version) on the right, the ball was partially cleared by the defence to Senkalski and his diagonal shot gave Richard Wilson no chance.

What proved to be the winning goal was scored shortly afterwards and, looking from the Makedonia point of view it was rather a soft goal.

A short corner was taken by Jones, again on the right, to Senkalski and his cross into a crowded penalty area was headed down by Craig Mason. The bounce of the ball seemed to fool everybody and it eventually came to rest in the net, much to the disappointment of goalkeeper Wilson.

Makedonia should have levelled the score almost from the kick-off when Gary Ward faced goalkeeper Gosling unmarked, and with the ball at his feet but the on-rushing 'keeper managed to snuff out the chance.

With the score 2-1 at half time and the prospect of playing with the aid of a stiff south-

erly breeze in the second half, Makedonia was well and truly in the game.

A corner by Zarko Odzakovic on the left found that man again, Lucchesi, on the far post but his attempt sailed high and wide.

Newcastle's defence in this period was absolutely impregnable, with Peter Burke dominating all the aerial duels.

At the other end, Senkalski was still dictating play and the locals should have sealed the game when he set up Mountford for a golden chance but the keeper managed to smother the attempt.

Peter Ollerton brought himself in place of Zoran Iliiski in an attempt to break the stranglehold Burke had in the air, and although Burke continued his domination, Ollerton did have the chance to score the goal that could have shared the points.

George Campbell worked the ball on the right before chipping a perfect ball to Ollerton who had ghosted to the far post but his header from an acute angle landed in Gosling's arms.

And that was the final opportunity to equalise for the visitors, although Zarko Odzakovic desperately tried for a breakthrough with his swerving runs, but the Newcastle team had the situation well in hand.

The only sour note in the Newcastle dressing room after the game was the fact that captain Craig Mason had received a yellow card in the second half for an over-vigorous tackle on Odzakovic, putting him over the 12 points and as a consequence he will miss the next game against West Adelaide in Adelaide.

But Ken Kaiser has several reliable replacements to fill the vacant spot in the midfield and although Mason's leadership will be missed, Newcastle will still field a formidable side.



Joe Lanzoni



Joe Senkalski

Wishart keeps Wests out

Brisb. C. 0 West Adel 0

Cautions: Dunn (WA).

Venue: Spencer Park.

Crowd: About 1400.

Referee: Dave Nugent 9.

BRISB. CITY: Wishart 9, Hughes 8, Kowtan 6, Liddell 7, Wilkinson 7, Fabrizio 6, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Williamson 8, Falco 7 (Bromfield 46th & 81), Glockner 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7, McGregor 6, Amey 7, Hiern 7, Dunn 8, Brennan 7, Heys 8, Atsals 7 (Kousiandopoulos 68th), Wormley 8, Honeymann 8, Doorne 6.

Top class goalkeeping from former Soccerroo squad members Kim Wishart and Martin Crook were among the limited highlights.

Wishart in particular was outstanding, especially in the first half when he dived across goal with the agility of a player half his size.

Crook resorted to saving a shot with his face as he kept West Adelaide in the game during a spirited second-half comeback by City.

Wishart, No. 2 'keeper to Terry Greedy for the recent Tests against England, made five great saves in the space of six minutes during a first half period of sustained pressure by West.

In the 16th minute Micky Brennan headed well after a corner but Wishart dived to push the attempt away. Robbie Dunn latched onto the rebound and drove a shot goalwards but Wishart had quickly recovered and spread his body to block again. Brennan moved in to smash the ball into the net but Bobby Hamilton threw himself in front of his opponent and smothered the shot.

West was well in command at this stage and although City's Billy Williamson was giving one of his most inspired performances for months the City strikers could make no headway.

Finally, with four minutes to go before the break, speedy young striker Angelo Falco seemed to get the break he needed and was racing away from the West defence when tackled by Dunn.

Falco's momentum probably made the tackle look worse than what it was, but referee Dave Nugent handed out a yellow card and the youngster injured his neck.

As it turned out Gary Bromfield had to replace Falco at half time and the substitution almost swung the game for the home side.

Bromfield was on the park for only 66 seconds when he broke down the left and easily outpaced Ian McGregor. The blond winger then cut in and unleashed a shot which rocked the near upright.

City defender Frank Liddell came closest to putting City ahead when he put a Frank Pimblett freekick into the top left hand corner of the goal. But the Scotsman's powerful header rebounded down off the crossbar and out off the top of Bill Amey's head.

West was forced to substitute the injured Steve Atsals with youngster George Kousiandopoulos and the robust striker looked like scoring when he turned brilliantly in the box shortly afterwards. But his well hit shot was blocked as it rocketed goalwards.

But City finished the stronger of the two sides and was un-

Doubtful penalty saves Olympic

Syd Olympic 2 Marconi 2

Ground: Pratten Park

Crowd: 5467

Referee: Peter Rampley 5

Yellow cards: Calderan (M)

Scorers: Soper 16', 50 pen

(SO), Brown 46', Jankovics 47' (M)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Rogers 7, Jennings 7, Coady 6, Herbert 7, Dakos 7, Peterson - (20' Patalis 5), Patalis 6, Phillipa 7k, Katholos 6, Soper 8.

MARCONI: James 8, Bozanic 8, Rizzotto 7, Budini 7, Calderan 7, McCulloch 7, Sarinanni 7, Carbone 7, Brown 8, Jankovics 7, Licata 6.

Sydney Olympic slipped up in its quest for the title in this bruising encounter with Marconi.

In fact it wouldn't be unfair to say that Marconi and not Olympic missed the opportunity to collect the three points.

After the first half Olympic by one goal and looked strong enough to beat the visitors but a two-goal burst in almost a minute immediately after the interval saw Marconi go into the lead and from that moment on the visitors looked by far the better side.

But a doubtful decision by the referee in the 50th minute presented Olympic with the equaliser, with Marconi players protesting strongly after Calderan was judged to have handled inside the penalty area.

Some 10 minutes from the end Dakos appeared to handle inside his area and Marconi had another appeal for a penalty denied early in the match when Jankovics was pulled from behind with Meier to beat.

Olympic had Marconi backpedalling early, scoring



Alex Vesic

through Soper in the 16th minute. Steve Paterson pushed it wide for Katholos to cross and Soper was at the far post to score with the simplest of headers.

Marconi's equaliser came from Rod Brown who beat the offside trap to latch onto a through ball by Nudini and race into the penalty area to score. Half a minute later it was Jankovics who beat Coady on a through ball by Bozanic and Meier was beaten again.

Minutes later Calderan pushed the ball over the line for a corner from a cross by Jennings but the referee was adamant that Calderan handled and Soper scored from the resultant penalty to make it 2-2.

In a game full of tough tackling and missed opportunities the referee failed to acknowledge some of the over zealous tackles from both sides but did "send off" Doug Collins, the Marconi coach, soon after Olympic had equalised.

Rod Brown and Mark Jankovics were a handful for the home side while Gary Meier and Marshall Soper had solid games for Sydney Olympic.

Peter Katholos was marked out of the game with some strong tackling from Marconi's backline. However, Katholos managed to slip through after a good through ball by Dakos was deflected between two Marconi defenders late in the match, only to blast his shot well over the bar when faced by James.

Bradley, Bertogna end Juve hopes



Meno Toutsidis

Adel. C. 1 APIA 2

Goals: Bradley (APIA) 39th, Bertogna (APIA), 72nd, Nyskohus pen., (Adel. City) 74th.

Crowd: 2000

Cautions: Butler (APIA)

Ground: Olympic Sports Field

Referee: Don Campbell 8

ADELAIDE CITY JUVEN-

TUS: McNally 6 - Dods 6, Flounders 6, Banfield 7 (Maxwell 45th, 71), Nyskohus 7 - Mella 6, Blair 6, Carter 6 - Mullen 7, Rankin 7, Villani 8.

APIA-LEIGHHARDT: Perkins 8 - Carter 7, Bertogna 8, Mariani 8, Gray 7 - Tredinnick 9, Bradley 8, Butler 8 - Valeri 7, Morsello 8, De Ceglie 8.

APIA-Leighhardt, 2-0

victor in the first round, was set on the road to three points when John Bradley headed past Willie McNally in the 39th minute after a cross from Peter Tredinnick for his ninth goal of the season.

Adelaide Juventus had great hopes for this match following its 4-0 thrashing of Brisbane Lions and its attacking mid-week performance in a 3-5 defeat to West Adelaide Hellas in a challenge match.

But it was apparent from the start that 'Juve' was going to have a harder time of those days.

Its defence was porous and the midfield simply did not function.

APIA's trio of Bradley, Tredinnick and Butler dominated the exchanges in the middle.

APIA could have had a second goal in the first half but Butler's close-range scramble



APIA's Robert DeCeglie skips past Adelaide Juventus goalkeeper Willie McNally. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS.



Adelaide's Joe Mullen, shadowed by Arno Bertogna.

led shot was cleared off the line.

And just before the break Walter Valeri struck a ferocious free kick against the upright.

'Juve' coach Bobby Ferguson was forced into a change at half time when Neil Banfield (knee injury) was replaced by Steve Maxwell.

The home team's chances of grabbing a point were considerably diminished when Arno Bertogna headed APIA's into a 2-0 lead in the 72nd minute from a corner kick.

Juve did manage to reply within two minutes when Buggy Nyskohus converted a

penalty for a foul on Joe Mullen, but APIA, despite some anxious moments, never looked likely to surrender any of its three points.

Juve's best player, Charley Villani, could have turned the match for his team before APIA's second goal when he weaved past a clutch of players and chipped the ball over Parkes but succeeded only in hitting the underside of the bar.

The defeat was Juve's second successive loss at home and almost certainly ruined its chances of a top four berth.

APIA meanwhile, is sitting on the heel of the top four.



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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

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social club soon

J.U.S.T. president Zika Karic need only point to a members' meeting two weeks ago which raised \$7000 as proof of the support necessary to make the club mighty once more.

That meeting was attended by many members who donated \$100 each to tide the club over during the recent dearth of home games.

"That just shows what a great club we've got. We raised that money in just half an hour! The feeling for the club was tremendous and everyone sat around chatting and drinking for hours after the meeting ended," said Karic.

J.U.S.T.'s administration has stabilised since Karic took over.

"I was appointed last November with a 75 percent majority. There was a group trying to stir up trouble so about two months later, the committee called an extraordinary meeting at which I was elected president for a three-year term, with a 95 percent majority. Now we can get on with the business of rebuilding the club.

"There is just a very small group of people that oppose us but that's all right. All clubs have that. You need opposition to make you work harder. I have got nearly all of last year's committee with me and I have the support of the life members of the club and that's very important. These people are part of J.U.S.T.'s tradition."

Karic came to Australia from Yugoslavia in 1967. He's married with two children — a married daughter and a 15-year-old son. He's been a J.U.S.T. supporter for years but first became officially involved with the club as a junior coach. Just last year, the boys Karic coached through the ranks from under-12 level, went through the under-16 season undefeated, easily winning their league then going on to win the Victorian champion of champions competition.

Karic was team manager of the first team in 1981, working with Cedo Cirkovic J.U.S.T.'s longest-serving coach — and he also was a member of J.U.S.T.'s executive that year.

He's working on a three-year plan to glory.

"We must establish ourselves in the NSL this year. That's very important because we are planning to build a top team. We want to become the leading team in Melbourne again, and we want to build a championship winning side.

"We must get all our supporters behind us. I'm not interested in politics. That must be stamped out. I must get everyone to gether again, for the one cause — to make J.U.S.T. great. In the last few weeks I have seen the families coming back to the club. That's what I want to see — the women and children, not just the men. We must create a good atmosphere.

"And you have to look after the players. That's most important. At least once a week after training we have a barbecue and after we beat Sydney City, Mr Kovac invited us to his restaurant and all the players were there with their wives or girlfriends. It's vital to have friendship within the team."

J.U.S.T. soon will start work on new clubrooms at Schintler Reserve as well as two more grounds — one for training and one for the club's Metropolitan League team, the other for juniors. A conservative estimate of the new clubrooms places a \$250,000 price tag on them. J.U.S.T. already has been granted a building permit and has had the project approved by the City of Melbourne council. The plans for the clubrooms were drawn up by one of the club's life members, Mr Vukosav, an architect.

"Within three years we will have one of the best complexes in Melbourne. Only Olympic Park will be better," said Karic.

The J.U.S.T. president wouldn't elaborate on plans for reshaping the NSL next year but he did hint at favoring a continuation of the league's current format with an increase to maybe 24 teams. He sees an increase in the league as an increased source of revenue, "especially if Melbourne clubs like Juventus, Croatia, Green Gully and Polonia are included."

Karic is proud of the way J.U.S.T. players have fought hard for the club this year and he plans to swing his immediate attention toward getting work started on the new clubrooms.

"We will start building with our own money. Already we have about \$50,000 pledged from supporters."

JAT, the Yugoslav airline, remains J.U.S.T.'s major sponsor but the club also will pick about close to \$12,000 from advertising signs placed around Schintler Reserve this year. The cost of advertising in this fashion ranges from \$500 to \$2,000. Full membership of J.U.S.T. costs \$100 annually and the club has over 150 such members.

"The club is back on the right track. We're going to make J.U.S.T. strong," he says.

Recent results suggest that Karic's support of coach Bobby McLachlan is not misplaced. Both men will play a major part in deciding the future of this once mighty club.

Zika Karic, in the first year of a three-year term as president, wants "to make J.U.S.T. a family club off the field and one of the top clubs in Australia on the field."

Karic, the managing director of Sun Crescent Real Estate, assembled a strong band of administrators around him. The general committee numbers 30, including an 11-member executive, headed by Karic.

"You need a big, strong committee to do a good job. At J.U.S.T. everyone has a role to play because I want as many people as possible involved in making this grand old club great again. Giving people positions of responsibility helps to make them work hard. That's why the general committee is so large," said Karic.

The other 10 executive members are: Ivan Senisin, secretary; Zika Nikolic, vice-president; Simon Turudia, vice-president; Vlado Popovic, finance director; Mihalo Vukovic; Harry Iser, treasurer; Rade Vekic; Pero Vukadinovic; Zoran Bogdanovic; and Sveto Radovanovic of Dunav Butchers, which supplies free meat for club barbecues.

FOOTSCRAY JUST



Footscray JUST back row: Kyri Kyriakoulas, Gary McDowell, Dennis Boland, Vlatko Belic, Graham Tutill, Igor Hazabent. Front row: Ian Purdie, Ken Taylor, Jamie Paton, Zdravko Lujic, Brian O'Donnell, Joe Carroll. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Cirkovic, Stankovic among the greats

In October 1949, a meeting organised by hotel owner Ivan Kukec, decided to form a soccer club for the Yugoslav community in Melbourne.

They called it the Yugoslav United Sports Team (J.U.S.T.).

Mr Kukec, who had come to Australia 10 years earlier, was vice-president of the Brighton club at the time.

He had been responsible for bringing to Melbourne the first star Yugoslav players —

Dobric and Ristic — to play for Brighton.

A year after Mr Kukec formed J.U.S.T., he was instrumental in organising Hajduk Split's visit to Australia — the first Australian tour by a Yugoslav team.

Mr Kukec was president of J.U.S.T. until 1961 when the late Slavko Lukinovic took over.

RECORD

1950 — Won Third Division, promoted to Second Division
1951 — Won Second Division, Dockerty Cup, promoted to First Division

1955 — Won Ampol Cup
1956 — Won Ampol Cup
1957 — Won First Division, Ampol Cup

1960 — Won Ampol Cup, Australian Ampol Cup (3-2 v Prague)

1963 — Won State League
1966 — Won Ampol Cup
1968 — Won Dockerty Cup
1969 — Won State League

1971 — Won State League
1973 — Won State League
1974 — Won State League

1975 — Won State League Cup, Ampol Cup

About the same time J.U.S.T. took over the Footscray Capri club, which had Schintler Reserve, and the new club was called Footscray J.U.S.T.

Earlier, Footscray Capri had taken over Footscray Thistle.

Before shifting to Schintler Reserve, J.U.S.T. played on a ground opposite Olympic Park from 1949 to 1953.

It played at Como Park from 1954 until 1961, except for a short period at the Showgrounds, in 1956-57.

One of the first to come here from Yugoslavia was Red Star goalkeeper Zvonko Nikolic, followed by Red Star team mate Slavoljub Stefanovic, a brilliant inside left.

In 1957 J.U.S.T. gained an



Cedo Cirkovic — J.U.S.T.'s longest-serving coach (1972-1981)

other inside left, Alimpijevic, from the Racing club in Paris.

In a vital match against Juventus at the Showgrounds, J.U.S.T. trailed 0-3 at half time. Then Alimpijevic swung into action, scoring a hat-trick to draw the game and earn wild applause from the 11,000 enthusiastic fans.

Steve Zakomarak, a professional in Germany, was the first Yugoslav to play for Australia and many others have followed him into the national teams — greats like Frank Micic, Branko Buljevic and Jimmy Milisavljevic.

Alex Beattie, recruited from Lion Adelaide, also won representative honors, playing in Australia's 1956 Olympic team.

Beattie holds the J.U.S.T.

goalscoring record, having scored 11 in the club's 13-0 victory over Yarra Park.

However, J.U.S.T.'s biggest win was its 17-0 thrashing of Makedonia in 1950.

One of J.U.S.T.'s best wingers was Emilo Marinovic, who joined from the Yugoslav second division in 1958 and had four years with the club.

But of course he cannot compare with the incomparable Tommy Stankovic — one of the all-time greats of J.U.S.T.

Stankovic dazzled the crowds with his brilliant skills. So durable was this little dynamo that he didn't retire until he was in his 40s.

Archie Blue, who went on to represent Victoria and Australia, was bought for about \$500 from Slavia, where he was playing in the reserves.

Former Yugoslav international Alex Jagodic, who was coaching J.U.S.T., transformed Blue into a star.

Blue has often said since that it was thanks to J.U.S.T.

players like Vero Mladenovic and Stankovic that he learned how to play top soccer.

Mladenovic and Stankovic both came here from OFK Belgrade, a club with which J.U.S.T. has a close friendship.

Other players to have come from OFK are Buljevic, Slobodan Zoraja, Doug Utjesenovic, Milan Mihalovic and Milos Adamovic.

Utjesenovic, who joined St. George, became a key member of the Australian national team in the 1970s.

Speaking of the national team, its former coach, Rale Rasic, started his Australian career with J.U.S.T.

Cedo Cirkovic and Milenko Rusmir, other former J.U.S.T. coaches, joined the club as players from Sloboda. They were king-pins of the J.U.S.T. team and Cirkovic won many honors as J.U.S.T. coach throughout the 1970s.

Billy Rice also played for Australia and Pepe Cubero won the Argus Medal as the best and fairest in the league.

LIFE MEMBERS

J.U.S.T. Life Members: Ivan Kukec, club founder, Tony Kovac, life president, Dr. Preradovic, club doctor, D. Ivanovic, former president, A. Vukosav, D. Ilic, Z. Nikolic, J. Klismanic, T. Placejevic, Mr & Mrs Vukovic, H. Perin, M. Pavlovic, M. Majouskovic, I. Senisin, H. Kamilov, D. Mikic, K. Prebesek, L. Bosanic, K. Fekonja, B. Milojovic, A. Tasic, D. Simic, M. Vrhinc, O. Zlatkovic, L. Erakovic, T. Amlo.

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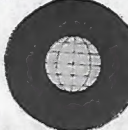
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McLachlan's men can finish season in style

"I was too nice from the start. I should have got rid of a few players much earlier in the piece. I nearly let it slip because I'd been used to winning games so easily with Green Gully, but once I saw what was happening I became the nasty bastard I can be."

That's how coach Bobby McLachlan sums up his early experiences at Footscray J.U.S.T. this season. McLachlan freely admits that the task of resurrecting the fortunes of the perennial NSL struggler was much tougher than anticipated.

"Some players felt that they were running the show. They were there only to get as much money as they could from the club. You know, I used to think that J.U.S.T. didn't pay big money but when I saw some of the contracts I was shocked," said McLachlan.

"I don't mind players being well paid provided they give it back on the field. There was a lot of deadwood around that had to be moved. Look, I made up my mind, that if I'm going to fail, then it's going to be with players that I can trust."

"The committee support has been outstanding. If we don't do well then it'll fall on the heads of me and my players."

But McLachlan is optimistic that J.U.S.T. can settle down into a fine run-in to the season's end. He compares his feelings during the two times this season his team has gone out to face big spending South Melbourne Hellas in league games.

"The first time, early in the season, that we went out to face Hellas I was wondering how many goals we could hold them to. The other week at Middle Park, I went out really confident because I knew that I had a team that was going to make Hellas work damn hard for a result."

"The first four league games this year were a nightmare. I thought maybe some players would do better in the league but I found out that they already were playing to the best of their ability and didn't have much love for the club so I made up my mind to replace them." Zoran Ilkoski, Milan Kojic, Dragan Vasic, Jim Kondorovic, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Milne, Mendo Ristovski, Bruno Cozzella, Mike Kupinic, and Slobodan Popovic all have left J.U.S.T. for other clubs this year. Vlado Pilevaljic, Milutin Ciric and Slobodan Jovanovic have been dropped from the first team squad.

J.U.S.T. has signed seven new players this year: Jamie Paton, Ken Taylor, Joe Carroll, Brian O'Donnell, Gary McDowell, Ian Purdie and Graham Tutill.

"I was lucky enough to be voted Victorian coach of the year for the past two years but if I can bring a bit of success to J.U.S.T. then I should get an O.B.E. At Green Gully, you had the players and I felt I was getting money under false pretences. Guy Spiteri (Ajax president) could coach Green Gully this year and the side still would win the championship. That's because Green Gully's got the best players in the league."

McLachlan isn't sparing with praise of the spirit among his players and the way they have trained so hard under him. He's got a team with steel now, a side that goes out onto the park each week to give nothing less than 100 per cent for the club.

"At Green Gully the players had a right to be happy. They were winning week in, week out. I've got to give the players at J.U.S.T. a lot of credit for maintaining such a good spirit this year, especially when things weren't going so well earlier in the season. Look, I've got a lot of faith in these guys. I know now that we've got a side which plays with feeling for the club and that's important. I want to also give credit to my team manager, Simon Turnia, who's been a big asset, especially when we play away from home. Simon's played a big part in keeping the spirit of the players high."

Let's look at the revamped, McLachlan-led Footscray J.U.S.T. There are 19 players in the first team squad, and we kick off McLachlan's appraisal of them by looking at the goalkeepers:

Bobby McLachlan long will be remembered for his three-year stay with Victorian State League giant Green Gully Ajax.

McLachlan joined Ajax in 1980 and late last year was appointed coach of Footscray J.U.S.T. for the second time in his career.

The first time McLachlan took over the reins at J.U.S.T. was in 1979 when he was in charge for the last 15 games of a horror season for the Yugoslav-sponsored outfit. Nevertheless, under McLachlan J.U.S.T. hauled itself from off the foot of the national league table and finished 10th in the 14-team league.

The following year, McLachlan started his three glory years at Ajax. The club finished third in the league in 1980, won the State League title, Dockerty and Ampol Cups in 1981, and won the State League title, Dockerty and State League Cups in 1982.

McLachlan also has coached Sunshine, Preston Makedonia, Juventus, Albion Rovers and Brighton. He has taken an Australian schoolboys side on a tour of the U.S. and is assistant coach of the Victorian state team.

DENNIS BOLAND: "The defence was shaky at first and we got off to a bad start which didn't make life for Dennis easy. I'd be far happier if he didn't have to work so much during a game. If he has to be a hero every week, then there's something wrong with 10 other players. On his day, Dennis is the best goalkeeper in Australia. Of that, I'm certain. He's a tremendous reflex keeper and plays a lot on confidence."

PETER HREHORESAN: "Only 16. He works with Dennis Boland a lot and is one of the best young goalkeepers I've seen coming up through the ranks. His parents are excellent people too, which is important with young players. Pushy parents can be a lad's downfall. I expect Peter to mature into an outstanding goalkeeper."

MICHAEL TAN: "A Malaysian. We signed this year from University of Melbourne. We'll see how Michael develops between now and the end of the year. He's tall and very good in the air."

KEN TAYLOR: "Disciplined, enthusiastic, works very hard at his game and is a very honest competitor. He lacks a wee bit in pace now but more than makes up for that by using his head. He's very experienced and has done a great job for us this year after being switched to full back due to injury to Slobodan Stojcevski."

SLOBODAN STOJCEVSKI: "Just 20, has come up through the juniors. Very composed and uses the ball well. He never gets flustered under pressure. He needs to improve the physical aspect of his game but he's one for the future, no doubt about that."

SULEIMAN CUVROVIC: "When I first saw young Suleiman, I thought he was in Victor Sylvester's formation dancing team. He used to run around in circles. He worked really hard at training and he wants to learn. When we played against Olympic, I used him to mark Peter Katollos. We worked before the match on getting Suleiman to close down and pressure and he had a great game. The club had been using him in midfield before. I came but I think the lad has a real future as a full back."

IGOR HAZABENT: "People keep asking me about the funny socks that he wears. Some captains wear black arm bands but Igor wears black socks. I think Igor's feet are real but his legs could be artificial. I better get serious. Igor's took over as captain this year and has done a great job. He's a quiet man but never underestimates him. He's a very hard player and he's very important to us at the back."

GRAHAM TUTILL: "A bargain basement buy. A few people didn't appreciate his ability at first but Graham got thrown in at the deep end at the back because I used to have a centre half who thought he could play centre forward and would wander up front whenever he felt like it. Graham had played at sweeper at Frankston City, in a bad side, and had done well. Early on he wasn't a big success but I always felt that he was the best man at the club for the job and he's proved me right. He's never cheated me or the club, a very honest competitor. He's begun to blossom into a top class find."

KYRI KYRIAKOULEAS: "He's got to be the find of the season. He stuck out like a sore thumb against Hellas the other week. He's like a giant at the back now. Early on he tended to give players too much room and committed himself too often. Now he's accepted as a really important member of the team. He's a fierce competitor and he's doing very well in the air too."

TOM KARIC: "I used him to tag Mike Channon recently and to be honest, Channon didn't do a thing. Tom shows tremendous character as a player. He's only 18 and he's well liked by the more senior players in the team. He's very methodical and gets through a ton of work. He's got a big future."

BRIAN O'DONNELL: "Shaping up really well. A keen competitor who knows the game. His disposal is good and he works very hard. He doesn't give much away. He can play it simple but he can play a fine, penetrating ball too. He's not afraid to get stuck in and win the ball. Once things get moving he'll prove to be a very good acquisition. He always wants to be involved. I like that."

VLATKO BELIC: "His nickname is 'Victor'. That's because of his unique sense of humor. He's the self-appointed team spokesman whose usual line when he meets dignitaries from other clubs, is 'Victor Belic is the name and soccer's the game'. Actually he scored a goal once and started introducing himself as 'Victor Belic' is the name and goalkeeping's the game. But that was so long ago that I think he's reverted back to his original line. What a character! His game's improved out of sight this year, especially the defensive aspects. He was wasting a lot of his energy before, making silly runs. Now he runs off the ball more intelligently and what a powerful runner he is."

GARY McDOWELL: "At 24 years old, he must have one of the finest futures here of any player in the country. The quicker he gets his permanent residency, the better for the coach of the national team. He's a real winner this guy. Not just hard but skilful too. A good shot, good disposal, good in the air — some player."

IAN PURDIE: "Hasn't really had the chance to show his real value but believe you me, this guy is going to score goals for us. He's just starting to get his act together. He's got tremendous skill and a phenomenal shot. He'd thrive if given more freedom to attack."

JOE CARROLL: "A great buy. He proves that there are a lot of good players in State League who could do a fine job in the NSL. He's a great character. He's razor sharp, turns well and his shielding of the ball is exceptional. A 100 per cent player, who really loves his game. He's only 24. What a future he's got."

JAMIE PATON: "Jamie would like to think that he's my assistant coach but what he knows about coaching you could write on the back of a piece of confetti. Wait a minute, I better tell the truth. Jamie walked into the club like a breath of fresh air. He's the closest thing I've seen to Roy of the Rovers. Seriously though, he looks like a kid playing his first match before every game we play. He's effervescent and enthusiastic and it rubs off on everyone around him. It's so unfortunate that he's had an injury problem but he's still

Early death of Boris Glucina

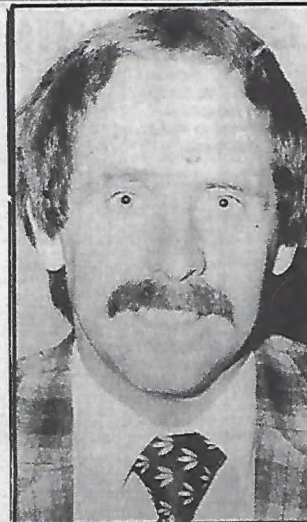
All J.U.S.T. supporters — indeed, all soccer followers in Victoria — will be saddened by the sudden death of one of J.U.S.T.'s staunchest supporters, Boris Glucina.

Boris, aged 37, was well known to the patrons of the Vineyard Restaurant, where he worked as a waiter for many years.

Yugoslav-born Boris had two soccer loves — his beloved Blues and his equally beloved Hajduk Split.

He leaves a widow, Pam, and two boys, Marian aged 6 and Danny aged 3.

"Soccer Action" joins with all the people who have rung us in expressing our sincerest condolences to the Glucina family.



Bobby McLachlan

deadly in the box. If he can overcome his ankle trouble, there's a barrowload of goals in him. He's been really good for the club."

ZDRAVKO LUJIC: "He was suffering early from being given a bad time from some of the fans but that's changed now. There was a time when he was, without doubt, the best left winger in Australia. He's worked extremely hard this year and he's going to be very important to us in this second half of the season. He's very fast and he can control the ball well at top speed, which isn't common."

PAUL SIMIC: "He's the joke teller in the squad. Actually, his jokes are rubbish but everyone falls about laughing at his explanation. Another young player who strikes the ball sweetly. He doesn't realise just how much potential he's got. He was playing at a time when things were tough for us which is always hard for strikers because they thrive on confidence. He's just getting over a groin injury and he's definitely one for the future."

GRAHAM BROWN: "Graham's just 18 and comes from Sale. His folks contacted me earlier in the year, wanting to arrange a trial for the lad and I never knock back anyone like that, so we arranged for Graham to spend a week with us. Since then he's moved to Melbourne and I'm very impressed with his attitude. He's a most promising young midfielder and we'll have a good look at Graham's situation at the end of the year. I expect him to blossom into a fine player."



TONY KOVAC: MR. J.U.S.T.

"Mr. J.U.S.T.", that's what they call Tony Kovac, who first joined the club in 1953 and went to serve a long and illustrious period as president, guiding the club through to NSL ranks.

Kovac is regarded as an outstanding soccer administrator and is an honorary life president of J.U.S.T. For over 15 years, Kovac guided the club's fortunes, at both State and national levels, and it was his strong hand which led J.U.S.T. to a place of honor among the great clubs of Victorian soccer.

Kovac still is a regular at J.U.S.T. matches, and his administrative expertise remains available to the present committee.

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Croydon	8	4	5	30	21	20
Box Hill	8	3	6	25	22	19
Northcote	8	2	7	24	32	18
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Morwell F.	7	2	8	22	31	16
Fawkner	5	4	8	23	30	14
Doveyton	5	2	10	21	32	12
Wilhelmina	3	1	13	13	43	7
Albion R.	1	4	12	6	28	6
Hellas	1	4	12	18	46	6

FALCONS JUST CAN'T FINISH

DOVEYTON (Webster 38th, M. Lennan 5th, Storton 8th) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (McGuinness 6th at Waratah Reserve Sunday.

DOVEYTON: Keogh 7, Watson 7, Geddy 6, Corio 6, Macleod 7, Buchanan 6, Thurling 6, Dowling 6, Storton 6, Webster 7, Lennan 7, Coach: Henry Macleod.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 6, Bingham 7, Irvine 8, Higham 6, Train 7, T. van Blar 7, Ian Darby 10th, Young 9, O. Lennan 9, McGuinness 7, Mitten 7, Evans 8, Coach: Tony Boggi.

Morwell Falcons dominated this game for long periods and only the good work of Peter Bingham and John Downing kept the Doves alive. In the final analysis, Falcons were sunk by two breakaway goals late in the first half and dreadful finishing.

After John Bingham had blundered and washed with team mate Harry Bingham in the 38th minute, the ball was crossed from the left and Stan Webster rose to head against the post then tucked away the rebound.

Seven minutes later it was 2-0. A quick break on the right caught out young goalie Romeo Prezioso, making his full State League debut, and defender Bingham. This pair both challenged for the ball which was knocked in behind them by Mark Lennan who raced ahead then shot into the empty net.

Misses by Morwell's Tony van Baar, John O'Callaghan and Noel Mitten stood out in this half.

Morwell continued to miss scoring chances. The main culprit in the second half was Alun Evans, who nevertheless worked extremely hard. And while Morwell was missing chances it was looking very brittle at the back.

A superb Eric Young break in the 68th minute, when he beat two opponents, led to Morwell's goal. Young played a one-two with Mitten and

shot. The ball was deflected to Bobby McGuinness who slotted in to make it 2-1.

This entertaining clash was spoiled by two bad fouls from Doveyton players. Dowling collected van Baar and was booked with van Baar having to go off injured, then Ian Storton was far too late in getting a foot in with Prezioso in possession. Storton was lucky not to be sent off.

Brian Darby came on for van Baar and headed against the post and Evans took too many touches when confronted by Sean Keogh, the end result being a corner to Morwell. By the same token, Webster missed an absolute sitter.

In the 90th minute Storton put clear on the left and shot past advancing Prezioso to settle the issue.

—MICK O'BRIEN

Benefit game

All soccer people in the eastern suburbs are invited to attend a benefit match at Esther Park on Wednesday, August 3, for Mooroolbark player David Jones who broke his leg last month.

Croydon has agreed to field its first team squad against a Mooroolbark all-star side which will feature Gus Tront, Graham French, Dave Brogan and Keith Adams, pending permission from their State League clubs. The game starts at 7 pm.

Sportsmans night

Etham and Fawkner are holding a joint sportsmans night at North Etham Hall, Watte Tree Road, Etham on Friday, August 19, starting at 7.30 pm.

The cost is \$15 a head inclusive. For further information phone Ian Tuffield, either at work on 338 9833 or home on 497 3557, or call Les Gooney at home on 459 5869.

The relegation battle between Albion and Ringwood Wilhelmina, a testing game for Ajax against Northcote, and a chance for Croydon to draw level on points with Polonia.

These are the features of this weekend's round of games. Clearly, the Albion v Wilhelmina game on Saturday at Selwyn Park will have a major bearing in which of the two bottom spots.

My money's on Albion here because I think that it has the physical qualities demanded on such a dreadful playing surface. Wilhelmina won't be able to knock the ball about. Getting forward quickly, the most direct way possible, seems to be the tactic best employed on the bumpy and rutted Selwyn Park and this favors the home side.

Wilhelmina's confidence must be rock bottom after conceding 13 goals in its last two games, another factor in Albion's favor.

Green Gully Ajax can forget about winning Northcote in a center at John Cain Reserve on Sunday. The home side only has to show as much commitment as it showed against Croatia last weekend to make a match of this one and I'm sure that Northcote coach Tony Vrzina would mind giving Croatia's title claims a boost, after all he's former Croatia manager-coach and played a big part in resurrecting the club after its expulsion from the VSF in 1992.

Still, Ajax should hit but it would surprise if it repeated its goal avalanche of last weekend Northcote would

have to turn in an uncanny shabby performance for the flood gates to open. Croydon's top four hopes could rise on Sunday. It plays at home against Fawkner while fourth placed Polonia has to travel to the Latrobe Valley to meet the league's Jeckyll and Hyde side, Morwell Falcons, a tipster's nightmare.

It's now certain that Falcons won't finish in the four. Nevertheless, it has too many experienced players with a liberal dose of self pride not to merely see out the remainder of the season. I'm tipping an upset here as sickening my money on Falcons. If Stan Klein wants to try and recover the \$10 he lost on Polonia last season he knows where he can contact me. And if Alex Marshall wants to contact me after reading another story on this page then I'm unavailable.

Gus Macleod thinks that Juventus will win the championship. He should have been at Middle Park last Saturday. Juventus won't find Hammy McMeecan's Doveyton easy pickings at Olympic Park No.2 on Sunday but should scrape home.

Less than 20 metres away, Croatia will square up to Box

Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Hill, an interesting confrontation between rival coaches John Gardiner of Croatia and Bill Murray of Box Hill, whose tactical appreciation of soccer has many similarities. I'll stick with Croatia in what looms as a really enthralling tussle.

Sunshine-George Cross meets improving South Melbourne Hellas at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday and should win. If you get there early you'll be treated to the talents of Hellas coach Jim Armstrong, now playing sweeper in the reserves.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY

ALBION ROVERS v Ringwood Wilhelmina at Selwyn Park, 3pm.

SUNDAY

CROYDON v Fawkner at Croydon Park, 3pm.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE

CROSS v S.M. Hellas at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v Doveyton at Olympic Park No.2, 3pm.

GREEN GULLY v Polonia at North Cynin Reserve, 3pm.

Northcote v GREEN GULLY

AJAX at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

CROATIA v Box Hill at Olympic Park No.1, 3pm.

CKS UNPULPED!

CROYDON 4 (P. Loughnane 25th, 68th, Dobson 55th Sweeney 78th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 - Rainey 7, McComb 5, Marley 7, Hobson 8 - Wade 7, Dobson 7 (Macleod 6th), Brown 6 (in Irvine 75th) - P. Loughnane 7, Sweeney 8, Nolan 6. Coach: Ted Dilworth.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 7 - McIlvor 7, Hennessy 7, K. Coyle 8, Douglas 6 - Smart (in Gray 30th, 6), Reilly 6 (in Stuart 55th, 8), Karapostas 6, Fernie 7 - Dickson (sent off 26th), D'Silva 7. Coach: Hugh Murray.

Peter Dickson has played his last game for Albion Rovers as far as coach Hugh Murray and team manager Joe Docherty are concerned. Dickson was sent off for alleged foul and abusive language after just 26 minutes.

We were unable to report the outcome of last night's (Tuesday's) Albion committee meeting, held to decide Dickson's fate.

"As long as me and Hugh Murray are at the Albion, Dickson won't get a game," said Docherty.

"We held a team meeting last week where we stressed

that we wouldn't stand for any player talking back to referees. Dickson only was on the ground for a few minutes when the ref had to speak to him and he eventually sent him off in the 26th minute."

Albion should have opened the scoring when Kenny Smart got clear on the right but his low shot was well smothered by Croydon goalie Lou Kastner.

A minute before Dickson's dismissal, Croydon hit the front. Gerry Reilly was off the field receiving treatment after being injured in a tackle with Ian Dobson. Gary Hobson had got forward down the left and crossed into the area. The ball was headed on by Peter Loughnane who drilled it past Tom Costello with a low 18 metre drive.

In the 55th minute, the hand signals devised by new coach Ted Dilworth went slightly awry but led to Croydon's second goal. Dilworth had instructed his team that the player taking dead ball kicks should lift both hands in the air if he planned to cross to the far

post and only one hand if he wanted to cross near post, looking for the nod on Terry Nolan stood over the ball, preparing to take a corner. He moved both hands, signaling a far post cross then proceeded to send the ball to the near post where Ian Dobson headed in. That must be plan "C".

With just 10 men, Albion concentrated its defensive play on the use of the offside play. Dean Hennessy and Keiron Coyle had done well in the air but Croydon's threat in this department increased with the appearance of Gus Macleod, as a replacement for Dobson in the 60th minute.

Mike Rainey's cross from the right, in the 68th minute, behind the Albion defence, was knocked back across goal by Sweeney on the far side and Peter Loughnane struck a low shot into the far corner to make it 3-0. About 10 minutes later Hobson beat Ron McIlvor to run down the left, and squared for Sweeney to complete the scoreline.

THE MIKE LYNN SAGA

And so Mike Lynn bit the dust as coach of Polonia last week. He's in illustrious company at least. George Murray, Rale Rasic, Bill McArthur. . . but it hasn't taken Lynn long to bounce back. (See page 11).

Some say Lynn is too abrupt when dealing with club officials who like to be present at team talks before, during and after games or at training and Lynn simply feels that it is unprofessional to have anyone in the dressing room other than the man himself, his players, team manager and masseur. But there's much more to this story.

There are people on the Polonia committee with direct relatives playing with the club. In the reserves.

There are people who say that Lynn's rapport with the Polish players in the team was poor. Lynn is vehement in his denial of this claim. So too are some Polonia players.

However, it's hard to envisage big Alex Marshall having too many sleepless nights over Lynn's departure.

It's no secret that Lynn and Marshall had been having a running battle for some time. Their conflict surfaced in the press and Marshall slammed Lynn's tactics. Marshall was dropped at the time. His outburst went unpunished by the committee, a clear sign that Lynn's position of authority was tenuous.

Lynn was dismissed after training last Thursday night. His sacking was decided by the club's executive, not the general committee. Of course, the executive made a decision well within its charter. However, president Mike Zurek is in Poland right now and isn't expected back for about a fortnight. Zurek publicly stated earlier this year that Lynn was the first Polonia coach for ages who made the players earn their money. Zurek was Lynn's biggest supporter. In Zurek's absence a handful of executive members took the opportunity to get rid of Lynn and with Polonia's 1-0 win under Leszek Dzielakowski on Sunday, these same executive members probably are patting each other on the back. Let's see whether Polonia finishes in the top four.



Ossie Latif, scorer of two Croatia goals against Northcote.

Ossie Latif super sub

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Latif 67th, 77th) NORTHCOTE 1 (Sahinidis 63rd) at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Hannah 7 (in: Curcio 62nd), Parton 1, Adams 7, Blaver 6, Biskic 6, Antolovic 6, Faulkner (in: Latif 33rd, 7), Golevic 7 - Cumming 8, Brogan 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 - Currier 7 (in: Constantinos 56th), Bozakis 8, Moore 8, Milos 7 (Padiotis 6th), Wilson 7, Guleyev 7, Wright 7 - Sahinidis 7, Tzatos 6, Culina 8. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Two goals from substitute Ossie Latif, four minutes of glory for Northcote after Jim Sahinidis gave it a second half lead and a crippling injury to Northcote defender Gary Cutler highlighted an entertaining clash at Olympic Park between the league leader Croatia and the most improved team in State League.

Northcote no longer is a pushover. Every Northcote player fights hard nowadays and coach Tony Vrzina can be well satisfied with his team building efforts this season. Just George Bozakis, Sammy Wright and Spiro Tsesos remain from last year's usual first eleven.

Vrzina persisted with using midfielder Steve Moore as sweeper, pushing George Bozakis into the stopper's role in place of injured John Currier.

Tommy Cumming, easily Croatia's best player, pushed forward onto Moore with Bozakis tagging Dave Brogan. With Steve Golevic and Josp Biskic pushing forward out wide for Croatia it was a case of four v four from the outset with Northcote defenders getting no cover. It seemed that Croatia wouldn't take long to exploit this situation but that was not to be.

Branko Culina should have given Northcote the lead in the first 10 minutes. Twice the Croatia player could have scored, first when he chested down and volleyed superbly from 12 metres but right at Peter Blasby and secondly when he shot over wildly after being put through on the left of the goal.

Croatia's best first half chance fell to Dave Brogan making a diagonal run onto the end of a deftly weighted chip from Jeff Faulkner, however Brogan shot first time wide of the near post. A few minutes later Faulkner was taken off injured and on came the eventual match winner, Ossie Latif. Cumming dropped deeper into midfield with Latif joining Brogan up front.

The second half only was a few minutes old when Cutler came off a second best in a 50/50 challenge with Cumming, who tackled fairly and fiercely, leaving Cutler in agony on the ground. Play went on for almost two minutes before referee Wren called a halt and four minutes later a stretcher appeared. Cutler was taken to hospital where it was confirmed that he had suffered a severe injury to the muscle tissue of his right calf and will be out of action for six weeks.

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Then Croatia defender George Hannah came off injured and his replacement, Tony Curcio, didn't even have time to draw breath before a Sahinidis shot put Northcote ahead.

Croatia came storming back when Golevic played a superb chip to the near post and Latif's header sent the ball into goal with a slight deflection.

Ten minutes later Latif struck again, this time put clear by a great Biskic through bull. Latif studded then thumped a low left foot shot into goal for the winner.

All credit to Northcote though. The last touch of the game came in the 90th minute. It was an acrobatic tip over from Blasby after Colin Quigley had unleashed a 20 metre drive.

Combine aims at top four

FAWKNER 0 SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 3 (Bain 43rd, Fattore og, 65th, Cavallari og, 75th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Toralio 5 - Anasima 7, Fattore 6, Kondorakis 6, Giacomini 6 - C. Sabadini 4, B. Sabadini 5 (in: Bozakis H.T. 7), Cavallari 4 - Palinkas 6, Turfield 6, Cozzello 5. Coach: Cedo Cirkevich.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:

Contini 7 - McKinley 7, Scott 7, Richardson 6, Taylor 7 - Stevenson 7, Kerr 7, G. Bennett 7, Pate 7 - Gilder 7, Bain 8. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

The Sunshine-George Cross camp still thinks that it has a chance of making the top four. This win against Fawkner at Smith Reserve on Sunday has boosted spirits at Sunnicross, already high in recent weeks as the side continues to turn in workmanlike performances and is combining better as a team unit after a bad start to the season.

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Sunbury's new \$250,000 clubrooms, beside its main pitch.

Super 10 years for Sunbury

Just over a year ago, Metro Third Division club Sunbury United opened its \$250,000 clubrooms, and later this year the club hopes to be granted a full liquor licence, thus completing a remarkable 10 years of growth for this progressive western district club.

"The first couple of years were almost a test marketing period," commented club secretary Peter Hobbs, "just to see if soccer could survive in this community."

"After that, almost everything we've achieved has been part of carefully formulated long term plans."

Certainly the club seems to have achieved its objectives at its sporting complex at Langana Park, an excellently fenced, watered and floodlit number one pitch, with space for five more pitches; a well-run organisation; an active social organisation; and the magnificent clubrooms provided ample evidence of Sunbury's planning.

Founder member and current marketing manager, Les Smedley, believes that forward thinking is one of the most important factors. "All businesses must consider the future," he said.

"We are no different from any other business." (In fact the club incorporated as a limited company in 1979).

The next five-year plan now is being finalised and Sunbury has every confidence that this third stage of development will go ahead.



Marketing manager Les Smedley (left) with secretary Peter Hobbs



Juventus captain and-sweeper, Pat Bannon (left) pulls off a timely tackle against Hellas midfielder Pepe Abraam. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

HELLAS HITS BACK

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Bekiaris pen, 37th) **JUVENTUS** 1 (Cullen, 42 secs.) at Middle Park, Saturday.

S.M. HELLAS: Turville 7, Anzakis 2 (sent off 73rd), Vardakis 5, Katsifidis 8, Postoco 5, Katsifidis 6, Bakalis 7, Buljovic 6, Abraam 5, Kakantonis 6, Cummings 7, Coach: Jim Armstrong.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 6, V. Bannon 7, Rogers 6, Dinoczy 5, P. Bannon 7, Hird 6, G. Bannon 6, Cullen 7, French 6 (Lloyd 6th), In-Conte 6, Zini 6, Coach: John Margaritis.

legation and the like, but the last three weeks have changed all that. If you think I exaggerate, just consider the merit of South's performance in this game.

It was facing a side that many good judges think is capable of winning the title (after all Juve has beaten both Green Gully Ajax and Croatia already), and to make matters worse found itself a goal in arrears after only 42 seconds.

At that stage Juventus looked like swamping the young South side, but it battled on courageously, got back in the game with a fortuitous penalty, and in the last 17 minutes withstood everything the black and whites threw at it with only 10 men after Manny Anzakis had foolishly got himself sent off.

Robert Cullen celebrated his first full game for Juve by

slamming the ball into the net almost straight from the kick-off and Juve looked certain winners until the equaliser.

Paul Dinoczy unceremoniously upended Duncan Cummings in the box after Branko Buljovic had slipped the ball past him, and the decision was so just that not a Juventus player argued, but should it have counted? As Buljovic made the pass, Cummings was offside, and the linesman flagged immediately, but referee Spiers ignored him and pointed to the spot.

That was the turning point of the game, and it probably signalled the end of Juve's championship aspirations. At least that's what its supporters thought. They were leaving the ground in droves, long before the final whistle.

— LES SHORROCK

Goal avalanche for Ajax

GREEN GULLY AJAX 8 (Paul Lewis 10th, 35th, 58th, 78th, Smallman 25th, 68th, 80th, Boyle 47th) **RINGWOOD WILHELMINA** 0 at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7, Peter Lewis 7, Short 5, Cannell 7, Hogben 7, Vassallo 7 (Mancini 75th), Boyle 7, Williams 7 — Toal 5, Paul Lewis 5, Smallman 5, Coach: David Smallman.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Jensen 5 — Denzler 7 (inj. Shannon 50th, 51, Brooks 6, DeKort 5, Pena 4 (Nykahl H.T. 4), G. Haupt 6 — Thom 4, Cork 7, Burton 6 — Garvey 4, Stewart 5, Coach: Nick van Egmond.

pass and hits in a left foot shot from eight metres out.

5-0 55th: Another Toal run down the right. The goal is a replica of the Toal-Paul Lewis move which sunk Croatia two weeks ago. Toal cuts the ball back into the path of Lewis who is in full flight and thumps it in first time.

6-0 68th: Paul Lewis beats his opponent on the left then

hits the ball across the face of goal and Smallman taps in.

7-0 78th: Toal again. What a game he's having. He centres from the right to the far post where sweeper Steve Short has moved up and heads back across goal to where Paul Lewis scores his fourth.

8-0 80th: a headed goal. Appropriately, it's player-coach David Smallman who completes the scoreline.

GEORGE PETROV WINS IT

POLONIA 1 (Petrov 65th) **BOX HILL** 0 at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Lukac 7 — Ujerski 7, Milo 6, A. Czapnik 7, Smolarski 7 — Tront 7, Krynski 6 (Marshall 60th), G. Petrov 6, Lukic 6, P. Czapnik 6 (sent off 55th), Prybylo 7, Coach: Leszek Dzielekowski.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — I. Roodhouse 6, Gabrielson 7, Lawler 7 (inj. K. Patterson 52nd), A. Roodhouse 7 — Ramos 7, Hughes 6, Miranda 6, Aszopardi 7 (Taylor 70th) — Verochie 7, Priestley 7, Coach: Bill Murray.

Box Hill could have blown its top four chances here. It went under to a George Petrov goal, despite having an extra player for most of the second half.

After Polonia's Peter Czapnik was sent off in the 55th minute for allegedly using foul and abusive language.

Box Hill had the better of the first half. Richard Miranda shot wide on three occasions and twice Peter Verechia

headers went close, one being headed off the line. However, Polonia had the best chance of the half when Peter Czapnik got clear and shot from seven metres but John McKinlay managed to tip over.

Five minutes after Peter Czapnik's departure in the second half, on came big Alex Marshall as a replacement for Krynski and the giant Polonia forward had a hand in the winning goal. The ball was crossed in from the right to the far side of the Box Hill area. Marshall headed back across goal, the ball was headed out to Petrov who cracked a superb shot which McKinlay got his hands to but only could tip onto the post and into goal.

Verechia looked to be clear in the last 10 minutes, running long a bouncing ball but failed to capitalise. After the match the Box Hill striker claimed that the ball was punched away from him by a defender. Nevertheless, Polonia had secured a win vital to its hopes of taking part in the end-of-season State League Cup.

Hat-trick heroes

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2. The team for which he plays.

3. The team against which he scored the goals.

4. The date of the game.

"Hat-trick heroes" will have their names published in "Soccer Action" every week. Applications should be sent to:

This week's hat-trick heroes: Tom Zamouranis, four goals (Moorabbin City); Matthew Dyer, six goals, Peter Zamouranis, seven goals, Robert Chetwin, 12 (Bayview Primary); Patrick Kulkers, John Gracel, Gary Sevens (Traralgon East Olympians); Kon Butuani, 11, Michael Kosmas, 11, four goals (South Melbourne); Frank Delvecchio, 13, Simon Corneli, 11 (Pakenham); Bradley Long, a bouncing ball but failed (Karingal United); Charley Barton, Dean Atcheson, Jason Day (Belgrave South); Peter Kara, Pedro Fric (Springvale City); Jolana Evagora (Keon Park); Liam McCallery, 11, four goals (Alderton Primary); Wayne Mould, five goals (Hampton Park); Ricky Dai Ben, 12, four goals (Vermont); D. Trentidue, 12, M. Basso, 12, four goals; F. Chidre, 12, five goals; R. Ottone, 12, five goals; C. Giove, 14, four goals (Batman Lazio).

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Voting for our Player of the Year award is on the 3-2-1 basis for each State League match. In the event of a tie, the player scoring most three votes will be declared the winner. This week's votes:

CROATIA V NORTHCOE: 3 Bozakis (N), 2 Cumming (C), 1 Culina (N).

DOVETON V MORWELL: 3 Young (M), 2 Thurlow (D), 1 Dowie (D).

AJAX V WILHELMINA: 3 Toal (A), 2 Paul Lewis (A), 1 Smallman (A).

Fawkner V S.G. CROSS: 3 Bain (SGC), 2 Richardson (SGC), 1 Giacomi (F).

POLONIA V BOX HILL: 3 Mila (P), 2 Righthouse (BH), 1 Petrov (P).

S.M. HELLAS V JUVENTUS: 3 Kalfaritis (SMH), 2 V. Bannon (J), 1 Turfuda (SMH).

CROYDON V ALBION: 3

Hobson (C), 2 Sweeney (C), 1 Coyte (A).

PROGRESSIVE VOTES: 23 — Moore (Northco), 20 — Cumming (Croatia), 19 — Mila (Polonia), 18 — Kalfaritis (Hellas), 17 — Hird (Juventus), 15 — Tuffield (Fawkner), MacLean (Morwell).

LEADING SCORERS: 18 — Paul Lewis (Ajax), 13 — Cumming (Croatia), 11 — Latt (Croatia), Smallman (Ajax), Przybyla (Polonia).

Handles out, Lynn in!

Just four days after being sacked by Polonia, Mike Lynn has been appointed coach of Metro First Division club Melbourne to replace Tommy Randles who resigned last week.

Lynn held his first training session with Melbourne last night — Tuesday — and extremely enthusiastic about his new job.

"There's a lot of young talent here. It's a job I'm going to relish. And if we can win promotion to State League it would completely turn around what has otherwise been an upsetting year for me," said Lynn.

Randles is believed to have clashed with the former Melbourne team manager. Their dispute was supposedly resolved late last Friday but the Melbourne committee refused to budge. It had accepted Randles' resignation after the previous game against Richmond and reserve team coach Bobby Dobbing was in charge of the first team for its 1-0 away win over Knox City last Sunday.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
KNOX CITY 0 MELBOURNE 1 (Tapai 38th)

KNOX: McTurk 7, Dixon 7, S. Smith 7, Blasinger 7, Fitzpatrick 8, Tynan 6, D. Smith 6, Murray 6, Leabwell 7, Frizzell 6, House 5.

MELBOURNE: Toth 9, Cerra 8, Wild 7, Bird 6, Cavanagh 6, Whitehead 6, Barker 7, Tapai 8, Armstrong 7, Lucia 6, Hibbit 5.

Knox lost their unbeaten home record and, with it, virtually any promotion to State League. They had over a lot of the play but their problem of all season — finishing — again let them down. A good chance from House was kicked off the line with the keeper beaten and Smith hit the crossbar.

Melbourne's goal, just before half, was a gem. A high drive by Hibbit was just touched by McTurk onto the head of Tapai, who headed goalward. McTurk, rushing back, gathered the ball but his impetus carried him over line.

DIVISION TWO
SPRINGVALE 0 NORTH DANDENONG 1 (R. Nelson 93rd)

SPRINGVALE: Runja 7, Dugg 5 (inj. Samis 60th), G. Kovacs 6, 7, Luyten 5, Gollan 6, Wilcock 6, Bentley 5, Hoyland 7, Karantonis 7, Greaser 6 (sent off 80).

N. DANDENONG: D. Mackie 7, Taylor 8, McMillan 9, Coates 9, Oscilowski 7, Byrne 7, R. Nelson 7, Wainwright 7, Collyer 7, D. Nelson 6, 1, Mackie 6.

This typical local derby game was watched by a very good crowd, which was rewarded by a hard-tackling, no nonsense sort of encounter that was always going to be settled by the first goal.

Springvale dominated the first half, but North came back strongly in the second, and three minutes into injury time were awarded a free-kick. Alistair Taylor aimed it strongly for the far post, and player-coach Rab Nelson, with a brave diving header notched the winner.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 HEIDELBERG UT/DALXANDER 1 (T. Vagias 77th).

FOOTSCRAY: P. Hrehorek, S. Stojcevi, M. Oblak, D. Smurgr, N. Rajic, G. Brown, J.

Gagic, A. Reigosa, P. Simic, T. Karic, E. Petrovic.

HEIDELBERG: S. Karamitais, A. Apostolou, G. Pavlidis, R. Krapija, J. Batomina, G. Itazu, T. Vagias, J. Metast, C. Vassiliou, J. Angelis, C. Avian, R. V. Pantelis, V. Pontikis, P. Balesgrinos.

Footscray JUST scored twice in the first half but the referee did not see both goals! The first time the ball ricocheted back into play after hitting the inside railing of the net. The second time the ball crossed the goal-line totally and then was kicked back into play by a Heidelberg defender.

In the 75th minute Heidelberg scored from an offside situation which was signalled by the official linesman, who was so persistent with his flag, that the referee was forced to come and talk to him, but he did not change his mind. It would be a waste of time to mention all the other mistakes of the novice referee, but players of both teams kept their nerves under the control.

Instead of winning this game by a two-goal margin, Footscray found itself the loser because of the bad refereeing.

Footscray had most of the play but should blame its forward line for missing a few clear chances. The main culprit was Paul Simic.

ARDEER 1 (Gerick 60th) RINGWOOD UNITED 1 (Masters 56th)

ARDEER: Darch, Orlinki, Borucinski, Dinowicki, D. Beneditis, Kuczyk, Winiowski, Gennanski, Schulliga, Christoudakis, Gerick, O'Connor, Hauxaux, Kotlega.

RINGWOOD UNITED: Mills, Bailey, Drossler, Vaughan, Nelson, Masters, Pongho, Sinclair, Gillan, Wylie, Sullivan, Remmers, Demin.

East players Ardeer: Borucinski, Darch, Christoudakis, Gerick, O'Connor, Hauxaux, Kotlega.

Ringwood attacked throughout the first half with Masters and Gillan looking dangerous but being kept out with some fine defensive work from 'keeper Darch, Borucinski and Orlinki.

Ringwood scored in the 56th minute after a fine cross from Sullivan found its target and Masters headed in. Ardeer set about equalising with some fine team play, and John Christoudakis eluded two Ringwood defenders in getting the ball to Chris Gerick who neatly slotted past former Soccer keeper Mis for the equaliser 60th minute.

DIVISION THREE
ELTHAM 1 (Curtis 35th) SOUTH OAKLEIGH 2 (Gavardinis 34th, Tzintzis 74th).

ELTHAM: Graham 6, Alderson 6, Raynes 9, Culley 6, Shaw 7, Lewis 7, Hearn 6, Haddic 7, Curtis 6, Garwallth 7 (Vanderstall 80th) P. Cirkia 6.

STH OAKLEIGH: Kennedy, Gavardinis 2, Stogiannou, Crivati, Bartolotto, Kapilakis, Pajhina, Klakos, Tzintzis, Kotsokostas, Gennanski.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Ball Park v New City (Inver), WESTERN SUBURBS v Mordialloc, FRANKTON PARKS v Richmond.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Brimstone v Ardeer, Ringwood v Footscray JUST (Inver), Heidelberg v Knox, THOMASTOWN v Prahran, ST. ALBANS v Prahran, NUNAWATONGA City v Springvale City, Werribee City v NTH DANDENONG.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Brighton v ELTHAM, STH OAKLEIGH v Yallourn, Croydon v Heidelberg, Camfield City v Prahran City, Sth Melbourne Maribou, v Werribee, Sackville v DANDENONGHILL, Sackville v Footscray JUST (Inver), Heidelberg v Knox, THOMASTOWN v Prahran, ST. ALBANS v Prahran, NUNAWATONGA City v Springvale City, Werribee City v NTH DANDENONG.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Glenorchy v KARNALL, ESSINGTON City v Hawthorn, NTH GEESENG v Kynaburg, Gullong v HAMILTON RANGERS, ROSSANNA v Corrie, Moorabbin v MOORABBIN City, Rosedale v Footscray JUST (Inver).

PROVINCIAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Chelsea v CLAYTON, Carlton v CLIFTON HILL, SULLIVAN v Maccab, Ballant v LILLOUT, Heidelberg v EAST BRUNSWICK, LANGWARRIN v Maccab, VARRAVILLE v Shepparton City.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: BENDIGO City v Rennington, Udon v BORDNIA, ROLLAND PARK v Cranbourne, CENTRAL City v Koroit, Sth Dun.

eventually got the better of the home side. Oakleigh went ahead in the 34th minute when Gavardinis picked up a long crossfield pass from Tzintzis and scored from an acute angle. Eltham struck back right away and equalised within a minute through Curtis.

The second half buzzed along at the same frantic pace as the first and the visitors got the winner in the 74th minute when Tzintzis took advantage of an awkward bounce or beat Graham from 10 metres.

DIVISION FOUR
MOORABBIN 3 (Gregory 2nd, 82nd, Bris 15th) **FEARTEE GULLY 3** (Forsyth 8th, 20th, Birnie 85th).

MOORABBIN: Kane 7, Morgan 8, West 8, Yagiel 8, Roma 7, Tierney 8, Paton 7, Senesa 7, Bris 6, Mura 8, Gregory 8, Suba: Bris off 88th (inj.) Bishop on. Coach: Doug Gregory.

GULLY: Stanhouse 6, Wilson 6, Brett 6, Van Duppen 7, Crozier 8, Reid 5, Greenwald 6, Person 6, Forsyth 8, Ince 6, Brooker 6, 5th off 88th (inj.) Bishop on. Coach: Doug Gregory.

With competition in the league being so tight, Moorabbin needed goals, and only had to wait until the 2nd minute, with Gregory opening the scoring with a brilliant individual goal. The visitors struck in the 8th minute through Forsyth, who saw the home 'keeper off his line, and sent in a looping ball to make it 1-1.

Spurred on by this setback, Moorabbin struck back, when Bris won the ball well at the halfway line, ghosted through the 'Gully defence, and struck a fine shot from the edge of the area. Playing with a confidence which belies their lowly league to make it 2-2.

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DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Brighton v ELTHAM, STH OAKLEIGH v Yallourn, Croydon v Heidelberg, Camfield City v Prahran City, Sth Melbourne Maribou, v Werribee, Sackville v DANDENONGHILL, Sackville v Footscray JUST (Inver), Heidelberg v Knox, THOMASTOWN v Prahran, ST. ALBANS v Prahran, NUNAWATONGA City v Springvale City, Werribee City v NTH DANDENONG.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Glenorchy v KARNALL, ESSINGTON City v Hawthorn, NTH GEESENG v Kynaburg, Gullong v HAMILTON RANGERS, ROSSANNA v Corrie, Moorabbin v MOORABBIN City, Rosedale v Footscray JUST (Inver).

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MOORABBIN: Kane 7, Morgan 8, West 8, Yagiel 8, Roma 7, Tierney 8, Paton 7, Senesa 7, Bris 6, Mura 8, Gregory 8, Suba: Bris off 88th (inj.) Bishop on. Coach: Doug Gregory.

GULLY: Stanhouse 6, Wilson 6, Brett 6, Van Duppen 7, Crozier 8, Reid 5, Greenwald 6, Person 6, Forsyth 8, Ince 6, Brooker 6, 5th off 88th (inj.) Bishop on. Coach: Doug Gregory.

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Committee Hellas' problem: Docherty

Tommy Docherty points out he was not sacked by South Melbourne Hellas but rather resigned in order to join Sydney Olympic.

He was commenting on an article by Jack Reilly in "Soccer Action" last week, which read: "Poulakis, Margittis, MacLaren, Docherty, Rasic — all men with excellent track records — were unable to stop the rot at Hellas and in my view, all were dismissed because of player power."

"I joined Hellas when they were fifth from the bottom and left when they were fifth from the top," Docherty said this week.

"I left of my own accord. I was not sacked."

Commenting on Reilly's claim about player power at Hellas, Docherty said: "While I was there I had a good set of boys. The committee power was worse than player power at the time, and it doesn't surprise me to read that the committee was negotiating with another coach six weeks before sacking Rasic."

"I had the foresight to get out early. Any committee that listens to any player shouldn't be there."

Under 16

Australia has verbally agreed to participate in the inaugural Oceania under-16 tournament, scheduled for December at Auckland's Mount Smart Stadium.

Others that have stated their intention to attend include host New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia.

However, travel costs seem likely to prohibit the other invited teams — Vanuatu, Tahiti and Solomon Islands — from entering.

All three have yet to register their entries, with the July 31 deadline approaching.

Polish star

Stanislaw Karas, 28, a forward from Polish club SK Siatka, is expected to join Polonia (Vic) within six to eight weeks. He will join Polonia's previous imports Stefan Milla, Mirok Smolanc, Ted Krynski, Janusz Przybyla and Leszek Dzielakowski. Przybyla however, is to return home as soon as his contract expires.

Channel 0/28

The next two games to be featured on Channel 0/28's "Match of the Day" are both from Melbourne — Makedonia v APIA on Sunday and Heidelberg-Alexander v Marconi on Sunday week.

Melita

Melita Eagles have signed what is considered a "scoop" — Tony Veneri, Marconi's reserve goalkeeper with many games in the National League to his credit. Tony is only 20 years and Australian born. Another useful acquisition is Stuart Johnston a Scot of 24 years with first grade experience with Margani and Blacktown. Stuart is a good midfielder or forward. And yet another transaction took place — A swap Lance Chaloner for Tony Gavin. Tony was a Philips League regular with Sydney Olympic but was sold to Ku-ring-gai. At 22 years, Tony has the skills and talent to fight for a first grade spot.

Fawkner

Fawkner officials and players were raving last week about the performance of captain Carlo Sabidussi against arch-rival Juventus. "Carlo put Billy Rogers in his pocket and in the end, it was Rogers who was chasing Sabidussi," said coach Cedo Cirivovic. The result — a 1-1 draw, was disappointing to Fawkner as Juventus's score was an own goal by Fawkner.

Fawkner Azzurri has no intention whatsoever of amalgamating with Juventus. Club secretary Sam Pizzo says: "We respect our oppo-

nents, their ability and history, but we also know that the success of the game depends a lot on strong competition and we at Fawkner are putting all our efforts into building their competitive spirit."

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Dods back

Adelaide City Juventus defender Glenn Dods will return to international duty after a year's absence.

Dods, who is included in New Zealand's squad for forthcoming Olympic Games qualifying tournament games, has not represented the Kiwis since the World Cup finals.

South Melbourne Hellas striker Steve Wooddin is also named in the party, although it was believed earlier that club commitments would render him unavailable.

Speculation that Preston Makedonia's Richard Wilson was set to resume his All Whites career proved unfounded, however. Rudi Fetsma, who kept Australia scoreless throughout 120 minutes of the 1980 Oceania Youth Cup final, was named as the pool's third goalkeeper behind the now established Barry Pickering and Frank van Hattum.

Ricki Herbert (Sydney Olympic) and Duncan Cole (Canberra City) both retain their places as expected, as do former NSL players Steve Sumner, Allan Booth and Grant Turner.

But ex-Brisbane Lions and Footscray JUST forward Johann Verweij was disappointed. He has been omitted from the squad after recently representing New Zealand in the President's Cup tournament in South Korea.

Verweij lost his place to F. C. Zurich's Wynton Rufer, whom FIFA has declared eligible for Olympic combat despite his professional status.



From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

France will win next year's European Championship. At least that's the opinion of AC Milan recruit Eric Gerets, a Belgium international. Gerets also says that France's Giresse is the classiest player in world soccer today.

Another Doc

Tommy Docherty didn't get the Manchester City post but his son Mick, a former Sunderland player who was forced to quit four years ago through injury, has scooped the toughest job in English League soccer, becoming manager of many times re-elected Hartlepool. Mick remained with Sunderland after he quit playing as their youth team manager.

Mighty Menotti

Cesar Menotti who led Argentina to World Cup glory in 1978, then slumped in popularity after their 1982 showing in Spain, collected his first domestic trophy when his side Barcelona beat Real Madrid to win the Spanish Cup final.

Hay at Celtic

David Hay the forgotten man of Scottish soccer is the new Celtic boss. Hay, a former Celtic player who was outstanding for Scotland in the 1974 World Cup, later transferred to Chelsea then prematurely quit through injury. Just over a year ago he took Motherwell into the Premier League then immediately quit to take a top sports complex post in America but problems over a work permit kept him in Scotland and out of soccer all last season. Hay is 35.

Six goes home

French World Cup player Didier Six is leaving West German side Stuttgart to return home and join Mulhouse who were relegated to the Second Division, on a one-year contract.

Coventry deals

They say that nothing succeeds in soccer like success. But Coventry City has cashed in on last season's failure (it finished one point and one placing clear of relegation) by selling five of its first team for round \$2 million. Gary Gillespie joined Liverpool for \$800,000, Danny Thomas went to Spurs for \$500,000, Mark Hateley joined Portsmouth for \$380,000, Les Sealey went to Luton for \$160,000 while winger Steve Whitton has joined West Ham for a fee to be decided by the Tribunal but expected to be around \$400,000. Debt-ridden Coventry isn't finished selling either — Paul Dyson may go to Stoke and more could figure in the biggest First Division auction ever.

President Giorgio

American soccer ace Giorgio Chinaglia is heading back to Italy at the end of the current season in the NASL to take over as president of his old club Lazio. Chinaglia who earns around \$600,000 a year with New York Cosmos, turned down an offer in November to become a director only of Lazio. The 34-year-old star has scored more than 600 goals in a glittering career and was at one time a reject from Swansea City.

Fairclough goes

David Fairclough, Britain's super-sub with Liverpool for the past seven years, has moved to Swiss side Lucerne for an undisclosed fee. During

The French can be champions of Europe!

his 150 First Division appearances with Liverpool of which the majority were as sub, Fairclough scored over 50 goals.

Ajax scoop

Ajax made a clean sweep of top honors in Holland. They collected the FA Cup, the League Championship and its under 18's won the national youth title.

German drop

West German soccer has recorded its worst set of attendance figures for 10 years. The blame is largely based on events surrounding West Germany's controversy in the 1982 World Cup Finals.

Kempes to go

Argentina's golden boy of the 1978 World Cup final win, Mario Kempes, who flopped badly in the 1982 finals has had a poor season with Spanish club Valencia and is up for sale at around \$1.2 million.

The world's oldest competitive footballer — 74-year-old Jack Watson of Cleethorpes, Humberside has hung up his boots after 60 years and 1200 games.

Stars for sale

Top English players up for sale and likely to change clubs before the new season starts include Aston Villa skipper Dennis Morfitt, his England international colleague Tony Morley, Ashley Grimes of Manchester United and Martin O'Neill the Norwich and Northern Ireland World Cup captain.

Snub for Joao?

FIFA boss Dr Joao Havelange wants the English Football League to drop their policy of automatic sendings-off for "professional" fouls that prevent goals after a meeting of the International Board at New Milton, Hampshire. It's likely the request will be virtually an order will be carried out.

Jordan switch

Joe Jordan, the Scottish international striker who had to quit AC Milan to make way for Luther Blissett disappointed a queue of English clubs when he elected to stay in Italy and accept what he termed a dream offer from First Division Verona.

Bumps in Oz

Luton striker Paul Walsh, one of the few Englishmen to impress on their recent three-match sortie with Australia, attributes his showing to the fact that Australia's pitches were bumpy and similar to his club's Kenilworth Road Ground.

Blizzard wanes

Toronto Blizzard hopes that the signing of Juventus and Italian star Roberto Bettoga on a reputed million dollar contract would boost their home crowds in the North American Soccer League have not materialised. Only 7000 saw Bettoga make his home debut.

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POVERA ITALIA!

I risultati di questa settimana hanno reso alquanto fuori posto il titolo di questa colonna; ma considerando che l'avevamo scelta dalla massa di slogan nati spontaneamente, e sgrammaticatamente, dalla esultanza popolare per la vittoria della nazionale italiana ai campionati del mondo e quindi diventati appassiti nel giro di pochi mesi con le magre figure fatte dai campioni del mondo, siamo perfettamente in tono con lo spirito e il seguito dello stesso fenomeno anche qui in Victoria.

All'inizio dell'anno avevamo per la prima volta tre squadre italiane nella massima divisione statale e tutte e tre apparivano di aver la stoffa delle protagoniste. La settimana scorsa il Fawknherha provato di essere una

squadra di poca consistenza, nonostante le impennate contro la Juventus, il Morwell ha fatto capire che ormai non ha più speranze di tornare fra le prime quattro e, peggio ancora, la Juventus ha provato di aver perso le sue qualità che la facevano una seria candidate al titolo statale. Per non essere a meno, anche il Bullen, che era partito come un treno, ha colto sabato un'altra sconfitta che la toglie dalla lotta per il primato della lega provinciale, mentre la Triestina ha interrotto la sua serie positiva che durava da sette settimane e si è fatta battere dal Karingal: povera Italia!

LA JUVENTUS DEVE CAMBIARE

vicino la stazione del

treno a Middle Park, sabato scorso la Juventus si trovava di fronte al fanalino di coda dell'Hellas che nelle ultime partite aveva messo in mostra un certo miglioramento, ma era pur sempre poca roba per impensierire i "cannoni" bianconeri. La partita iniziava in modo spettacolare, lanciò lungo per French che impegnava il suo diretto avversario in un tentativo di colpire di testa, ma molto intelligentemente, si faceva sollevare dalla palla che quindi inseguiva smistandola poi a Cullen che entrava in area e fulminava il portiere da posizione angolata. Erano passati solo 37 secondi dal fischio d'inizio e i tifosi juventini sembravano dirsi "pancia mia fatti capanna", sicuri che erano di farsi una scorpac-

ciata di goal dopo il mezzo digiuno della settimana scorsa contro il Fawknher, ma le cose andavano molto diversamente da questa giustificata attesa. La Juventus era scesa in campo con ben quattro punte: Zinni, French, Incantalupo e Cullen anche se quest'ultimo era in posizione alquanto arretrata. Il centrocampo era perciò affidato ai soli Rogers e Ged Bannon, con Cullen appunto che tornava indietro e con il terzino Hird che andava spesso in avanti: uno schieramento che normalmente sarebbe suicida ma che contro una squadra modesta come l'Hellas non ha causato grandi danni senza nemmeno però dare risultati. Il dover trovare posto in squadra a Cullen sta giocando brutti scherzi al buon senso calcistico di Margaritis e una certa dose di nervosismo fra i giocatori. La settimana scorsa fu Incantalupo ad uscire dal campo, anche se c'era la parziale giustificazione delle sue precarie condizioni di salute, alquanto inaspettato, questa settimana French non riusciva a crescere a se stesso quando il team manager gli faceva segno di uscire per far posto al sostituto Lloyd; il centravanti, oltre ad aver inventato la rete messa a segno da Cullen, era stato fino ad allora uno dei migliori in campo!

E questo non è tutto, il bravo e paziente Jim Nelson ha addirittura lasciato la panchina, si cambiava e vedeva il resto della partita dalla tribuna giurando che non tornerà più alla Juventus. Siamo sicuri che il ragazzo ha avuto solo uno sfogo della sua frustrazione e che la prossima settimana sarà nuovamente sulla panchina a sperare che qualche giocatore avversario abbia pietà di lui e rompa una gamba a Cullen, o a Lloyd o qualche altro e, per buona misura, che Swinscoe non rientri tanto presto... per non parlare poi di Gerenza che avrebbe possibilità, solo se un treno investisse l'intera squadra bianconera.

Inoltre la Juventus deve assolutamente cambiare formula di gioco perché ormai le avversarie hanno trovato il modo di controbatterlo e renderlo inefficace. La Juventus gioca di mestiere, con passaggi corti e un paziente, quanto sapiente, avvicinamento sotto la porta avversaria poggiando sulle fasce laterali dove Vince Bannon e Henry Hird avanzano spesso per creare la superiorità numerica. Il Fawknher la settimana scorsa e giovedì questa settimana hanno reso tutto questo lavoro inutile applicando pressione sull'uomo in possesso della palla forzandolo a commettere errori o a passare all'indietro.

La strada verso il goal diventa sempre più lunga con sempre maggiori ostacoli nel mezzo. La Juventus dovrebbe perciò adottare un gioco più diretto e sbrigativo, proprio come ha fatto per caso in occasione della rete di sabato contro l'Hellas: palla lunga a French, smistamento al veloce Cullen, e l'obiettivo è fatto. Anche Zinni, con la sua ubriacante velocità, sta sperando inutilmente le sue energie correndo con la palla e magari schiantandosi contro i muri delle difese avversarie che lo aspettano al varco. Zinni e Cullen dovrebbero correre su palle lanciate in profondità dal centrocampo oppure su palle alte indirizzate a French che le smisterebbe sui lati per loro. Incantalupo

che certo non ha lo spunto veloce dei suoi due compagni ha ugualmente bisogno di spazio per correre per alcuni metri con la palla fino a mettersi nella posizione diagonale da cui far partire i suoi bolidi. Altro che i passaggetti fra Pat Bannon e il resto della difesa per poi appoggiare al primo centrocampista a portata di mano. Il centrocampo deve funzionare da difesa avanzata e costruire le azioni dalla palla che riesce a rubare agli avversari: la difesa, con due saette e un fondatore in avanti, dovrebbe fare rilanci lunghi ed immediati che mettono pressione sulle difese avversarie. Non sarà un gioco classico né elegante, ma indubbiamente sarà molto più fruttifero. La nostra lega statale, con tanti energumini che si taltano addosso appena ricevono la palla, non è fatta per un gioco elegante e classico.

PER MOREWELL CONA IL 1984

Il Morwell, che nelle ultime settimane sembrava stesse dando segno di ripresa, dopo essere stato beffato in casa dall'Hellas e andato a perdere sul campo del Doveton, anche se con una certa dose di fortuna. Per di più gli azzeccati di Morwell erano senza il loro uomo migliore, McLean, che osservava un turno di squalifica ed hanno perso durante la partita il giovane attaccante Van Bar che è stato sostituito dal vecchio difensore Derby, poiché quello era tutto che offriva la panchina.

Il Morwell quest'anno non è stato all'altezza delle aspettative, anche se ha avuto un buon inizio, perché le aspettative non erano giustificate. Il terzo posto ottenuto l'anno scorso era stato alquanto ingannevole perché conquistato in un campionato dove c'era una sola squadra degna di tale

nome, il Green Gully. Quest'anno sia il Croatia che la Juventus sono ben altra cosa, senza parlare di squadre come Box Hill, Northcote e Polonia che, anche se non tanto continue, quando imbroccano la giornata giusta sono molto temibili. E senza parlare di un George Cross che, dopo un inizio disastroso, si è rinforzato notevolmente e sta diventando un vero e proprio spauracchio per tutti.

... ED ANCHE PER IL FAWKNER

Il Fawknher, dopo aver vissuto la sua giornata da leone contro la Juventus, è tornato ad essere quello che c'è contro il George Cross. Anche qui una campagna acquisti dettata da eccessiva voglia di strappare ha causato continui cambiamenti di formazione, aggiuntisi a quelli causati inizialmente da infortuni. Domenica si è visto Anselma in difesa dall'inizio; la settimana precedente quando era entrato al posto dell'infortunato Sabbadini come tappabuchi. Schierarlo in ruolo in tale posizione ci sembra alquanto avventato. Con il giovane Giacomi che esordiva nell'altra posizione di estremo difensore non c'è da meravigliarsi che la retroguardia azzurra abbia fatto acqua da tutte le parti e si sia addirittura "suicidata" con due autoret.

Una nota positiva per il

Fawknher in questa partita molto deludente e' stata la prova di Cavallari che e' certo degna di nota. Se il ragazzo continuerà ad avere la fiducia dell'allenatore e l'aiuto dei compagni di squadra potrebbe finalmente dimostrare la sua grande classe.

Quello che Kirkovic ora deve curare, in vista del prossimo campionato poiché questo non ha più nulla da dire, e di risolvere i problemi inavanti dove Cozzella non lega con i compagni di squadra. Il ritorno al binomio Tuffield-Anselma meriterebbe almeno una prova di alcune settimane e forse sarebbe anche il caso di gettare nella mischia il giovane San-nipoli.

Una giornata disastrosa quindi per il calcio italiano, eccezione fatta per la vittoria di misura del Thomastown e per la conferma dell'East Brunswick e dell'East Carlton nelle divisioni minori.

LA JUVENTUS A BALI

La Juventus di Melbourne è stata invitata a partecipare alla "Garuda Cup" che si svolgerà nell'isola di Bali in Indonesia. Il paradiso tropicale si offre idealmente ad una magnifica vacanza che potrà essere condivisa da giocatori, dirigenti e tifosi. I prezzi di gruppo e le concessioni praticate dalla "Garuda", la compagnia aerea di bandiera, mette il torneo-vacanza alla portata di molte tasche. Il torneo avrà luogo agli inizi di Novembre e vi parteciperanno anche altre squadre australiane come il Canberra, della NSL. La comitiva di giocatori, dirigenti e tifosi dovrebbe partire da Melbourne il 2 Novembre e rientrare il 16 Novembre. Chi volesse avere ulteriori dettagli su questa magnifica iniziativa del club juventino è pregato di mettersi in contatto con Joe Caruso telefonandogli al 312 4711.

George Best sparkles

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

like we used to see so often in the good old days.

Granted, there weren't premiership points hanging on the result, but both sides produced such wonderful displays the question that must be asked is: Why can't they do it every week?

City grabbed a 25th minute lead when Neil Flounders thumped a pilerdriver past Martyn Crook.

Just a minute later Heys levelled with a splendid ground shot but then Charley Villani made it three goals in three minutes with a stunning free kick.

So, City went in at half time with a 2-1 lead, though it had to survive an awkward moment just before the break when referee Mike Browning awarded a penalty kick and then changed his mind, which angered Best, who was still furious as the teams came off.

West blitzed City after the break when Best really turned it on, though his 50th minute penalty kick, after Heys was floored, just trickled inside the post.

Peter Rankin gave City the lead for the third time in the 63rd minute, but Bill Amey equalised from another penalty, this time for a handball.

West finally nudged ahead with the goal of the match in the 75th minute.

Best found Heys with a superb diagonal cross-field pass and the red-haired winger fired a centre to David Doorne for a marvellous headed goal.

West clinched the match in the 88th minute when Best this time set up the aggressive Steve Atsalas who shot from 25 metres and watched in disbelief as the ball spun out of Willie McNally's hands and over the line.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 5 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 3, challenge match at Hindmarsh.

Goals: West 25th, Heys 27th, Best pen 50th, Amey pen 68th, Doorne 75th, Atsalas 88th, City — Flounders 25th, Villani 28th, Rankin 63rd.

West Adelaide hellas: Crook — McGregor (Papazoglou), Hiern (Doorne), Dunn, Amey — Atsalas, Brennan, Best — Heys, Wormley (Kivon) non empoja.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally — Nyskohou (Cole), Flounders (Muir) Benfield, Dods — Melita, Blair, Carter (Rankin) — Mitchell, Mullin (Radovici), Villani (Maxwell).

West Adelaide Hellas inspired by the genius of George Best, shot down Adelaide City Juventus 5-3 in a thrilling challenge match at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night.

The Irish superstar was simply magnificent.

The crowd of 5,236 — Adelaide's highest for any match this year — gave Best a standing ovation for a wonderful exhibition of skill and precision.

Oh yes, the pace was missing but that did not prevent him from being the man of the match.

West coach Alan Vest gave Best a roving midfield role which allowed him to deliver sure passes to both flanks which cut up Adelaide City's defence.

Best conjured two of the goals with inch-perfect crosses and scored from the penalty spot himself.

Such was his dominance, he was on the ball 38 times and lost only twice.

The match itself was a glorious affair, just

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ΚΟΛΟ ΣΚΡΕΕ SE OKRECE

Navijaci JUST-a su dobili još jednu važnu bitku na zelenom polju, koja je po svemu bila već u džepu gostiju. Samo što se poslo sa centra, a pred Boleznim golom guzva. Pravo je čudo, da se lopta još tada nije koprčala u "plavim" mreži. Pogodi burnim navijanjem brojnih navijača (preko 200), od kojih ni jedan nije bio za goste, igrači u "plavim" dresovima naglo su oživeli, pripreli protivnika za kazneni prostor, ali i jedanput nisu sutirali direktno na protivnički gol. Što je vreme više odlomilo, sve jasnije je bilo da domaća navala ne može dati gol ni slučajno, toliko je bila uzbuđena anazica ovog susreta, iako je Brisbane Lions primio rekordarn broj golova. Nervozu i uzbuđenje su se preneli na odbranu, jer zasto bi inace Kiri desperatno pravio uzaludne izlete, već da postigne spasonosni gol, kojim skinuo teret sa srca celom timu. Ali dogodilo se grobom tisinom. Do odlaska na odmor, samo je sreća spasla "plave" da ne prime par golova više. Ni posle odmore JUST-ovi igrači nisu pokazali znake oporavka, već su se prepustili protivniku, koji je po svaku cenu htio da sacuva pobedu povecanjem razlike u golovima. Dok su igrači pokazali znake ocaja i umora, navijaci nisu. I zaista isplatali su upornosti, jer je inspirisala Zdravka Lujica da napravi podvig koji je za negun minit preokrenuo rezultat u korist JUST-a. Razume se, to nije mogao da uradi sam, a pomogao je heroj ove utakmice Joe Carroll, koji je od početka pokušavao da nametne neki sistem, ali nije imao šansi.

Pobedi se ne gleda u zube, narocito kad je u pitanju borba za opstanak, ali ne treba biti preteran optimista. Ne može sreća uvek odlucivati kao ovog. Brisbane Lions je bio jaci i agresivniji tim, dok je JUST imao mnogo "rupa", ali još više srece. Sreća što je zbog jedne neodigrane utakmice, jer je morao igrati na operaciji nosa, Sulejman Curovic izostavljen sa iduce dve. Ako se bude "odmarao" još jednu utakmicu, biće potrebno mesec dana da se povrati u formu. Zbog toga ka treba vratiti što pre u sastav, već iduce nedelje protiv Markonija u Sidneyju. Po svemu prilici Igor Hazabeni može moći da igra zbog treceg zutog kartona, koji je neopravdano dobio, jer je protivnik napravio grublji je i teze prestupe bez opomene. Neki zivi vise ne može uhvatiti merila pravde nash sudija, jer se menjaaju brze nego vreme u Melbourneu.

Savsim su neukusne i neodgovorne kalkulacije u stampi o profitu, koji je napravio JUST "kupoprodajom" igrača, kao da je i pita njih finansijska utopija. Nije leop kad pojedinci zele da prave racun bez krmčara daleko pr zavrsenka sezone. Od trenera se ocekuj delo, a ne racuni i izjave izvan trenerskog domena.

PORAZ MAKEDONIJE NIJE IZNENAD- JENJE

Dugi niz pobeda, koje je Makedonija ostvarila u ovoj sezoni, izazvao je cudjenje i iznenadjenje u sportskoj stampi. A sad kada je izgubila prvu utakmicu za tri meseca, opet cujeemo cadnja i zlostisna prorocanstva, koja ce demantovati vec iduca utakmica u Melbourneu. Poraz je cesto olaksanje, ako se igra pod stalnim psihickim pritiskom. Pored toga, uslovi za igru u Newcastlu su takvi, da je skoro nemoguće jedinom dobrom tehnickim sastavu da postigne pobedu. Tereen je jedna vrsta ozanice, siri nego duzi. U zimsko doba to je zbornno mesto svih vetrova i ostalih nepogoda, sa kojima može da se bori samo domaci tim.

Sledeci protivnik Makedonije je Leichardt APJA i sa izvesnom sigurnoscu možemo tvrditi da se "crveno-crni" povratiti razliku u bodovima ispred svojih gonici. Posle ovog poraza nema opravdanja da se George Todorkovski i dalje drzi delo od tima, koji je podigao zajedno sa ostalima na danasnju visinu.

JUVENTUS GUBI KORAK DOK CROATIA I AJAX GRABE PREMA CILJU

Dok je prošlo kolo donelo niz iznadenaja u Drzavnoj ligi, u 17. jedino je Helas iznenadio Juventus, ali i taj rezultat se mogao naslutiti, jer je Helas najavio razlije pocerak borbe za opstanak. Croatia je imala tezak posao da obavi, dok nije savladala preporodjeni Northcote City. Ajax je pregazio Wilhelmia, koja se prepustila sudbini. Fowkner je ponovo razocarao brojne navijace svojom nestalnom formom.

PRVA DIVIZIJA

KEW PARK RANGERS — ALTONA GATE/VARDAR 1:1 (1:1). U borbi za opstanak Vardar je izgubio vazan bod, iako je imao vise od igre. Domaci tim je postigao gol iz sumnjivog jedanaesterca, dok je strelac Vardara bio Jonec Serovski, jer je navala ponovo bila slabiji deo tima. Sastav Vardara: Dimitrijević, Dimovski, Dervisovski, Serovski, Naumovski, Kotevski, Jovanovski, Bozinovski, Beller, Nivevski (Cele Talevski), Ristovski. U nedelju 31. jula Altona Gate Vardar igra protiv Altona City na svom igralistu u North Altoni.

RICHMOND-WERRIBEE 1:1 (1:1). Dragan Vasic je postigao 15 gol u ovom prvenstvu i doneo još jedan zlatan bod Richmondu.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

DRUGI TIM J.U.S.T. a — HEIDELBERG UNITED 0:1 (0:0). Tim koji je mnogo obećavao najviše je razocarao svoje navijace zbog neefikasne navale, koja nije mogla da realizuje stopeostone sance. Istina, ovu utakmicu dobio je za Heidelberg pristisni subija, koji nije priznao dva regularna JUST-ova gola, posto je oba puta zazmurio. Priznao je zato pogodak Heidelberg iz čistog ofsajda, što je uporno reklamirao medjarski subija. I bez ovih teških gresaka, JUST je mogao iako da pobedi slabog protivnika, ali Pavle Simic nije imao svaj dan. U predgriju rezervu je pobedila sa 3:1 (2:0). Strelci: A. Clayworth 2, D. Anastovski 1. U subotu 30. jula drugi tim "plavih" odlazi u West Geelongu.

goste Ringwood/Srbija, koja je igrala nereseno 1:1 sa Ardeerom. Srbija je na osmom sa 20 bodova, dok je JUST deseti sa 15 bodova, što ne znaci mnogo, jer je razlika u kvalitetu mala. "Plavi" igraju lepše, a Srbija efikasnije.

DRUGI TIM MAKEDONIJE — NUNAWADING CITY 1:3 (0:0). Makedonija je imala vise od igre i zrelje sance, dok je protivnik napravio tri prodora i postigao tri gola. Zrele sance promasili su Ljubce Gavlevski. Con Stoykov i Viktor Stojanovski. Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:6. U subotu 30. jula drugi tim Makedonije igra protiv zabuktalog St. Albans/Dinama na Churchill Reserve u St Albansu.

PRVA PROVISIONALNA DIVIZIJA

LALOR/SLOGA — HAWKSBURN 2:1 (0:1). Tek u drugom poluvremenu Sloga je uspešla da savlada umorne igraze Hawksburna, koji su povelu sa 1:0 preko Stjepana Kantona u 30. minutu. Rezerve su igrala nereseno 2:2 (1:2). Strelci za Hawksburn Laci Palo u 20 i Joe Forai u 30. minutu. U subotu 30. jula Sloga gostuje u Balaratu, dok je Hawksburn domacin East Brunswicku.

CLAYTON — CARLTON/MLADOST 2:0. Rezultat nije realan, jer je Mladost bila ravnompravan protivnik. Sledede subote Mladost igra protiv Clifton Hilla u North Sunshineu.

TRECA PROVISIONALNA DIVIZIJA

ALTONA/VOJVODINA — BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO 0:1 (0:0). Oba tima su nadmašila svoje mogućnosti izvanrednom igrom, kakva se ne vidja u Drzavnoj ligi. Od 70. minuta Bratstvo/Jedinstvo igra sa 10 igrača, posto je Dragan Janjic dobio crveni karton, jer je nepropisno zaustavio Adam Milera, koji je imao idealnu sansu da postigne gol. Pre toga Janjic je dobio zut karton. Umesto da popusti i povuce se u odbranu, Bratstvo/Jedinstvo igra polenitije i agresivnije i zaslužno postize pobedonosni gol u 75. minutu preko Milana Stojilovica. Najbolji igrači: Slobodan Dimitrijević, Aleks Micevski i Josip Pavic za Vojvodinu, Dragoslav Jeljic, Petko Tomić i Pero Dekić za Bratstvo/Jedinstvo. Rezerve: Jovjovina — Bratstvo/Jedinstvo 1:7 (0:4). Strelci: Tome Karanilovski za Vojvodinu, Predrag Cvek 3, Toma Okovic 2, Sime Rukavina i Ilija Kerezovic za Bratstvo. U subotu 30. jula Bratstvo docekuje Dallas City, dok Vojvodina igra drugi uzastopni Jugo derbi protiv Makedonije u West Geelongu.

PASCOE VALE/PELISTER — WEST MELBOURNE 5:0 (2:0). Strelci: Tony Centarino 3, Boris Cosic i Frank Brogna. Golova je moglo biti dva-puta vise, ali je goste spasila stativa 3 puta, da ne spominjemo promasene sance. Rezerva je pobedila sa 6:1. Strelci: Zdravko Cvetkovski 2, Pero Perdevski 2, Tony Kapulanovski i Vince Colakovski. U subotu 30. jula Pelister gostuje u Mitchamu.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

TARAX — ILINDEN 2:5. Ilinden je zaslužen pobednik Jugo-derbija, jer je imao bolju kondiciju u drugom poluvremenu. Strelci: Lazo Lazarevski 2, Bale Perkovski 2 i Risto Pilovski za Ilinden. Dragan Dimitrijević i Esad Mehic za Tarax.

amatersko prvenstvo

BOSNA — DENDY OLYMPIC 4:1 (1:1). Strelci: Igor Mukavec u 35 i 64, Branko Gavran u 68, i Milorad Velickovic u 72. minutu. Sa ovom pobedom Bosna je ostala favoriti u trci za naslov amaterskog prvaka Melbournea. Rezerva je pobedila sa 2:1 (1:0). Strelci: Steve Romić i Ljubo Brajic. U nedelju 31. jula Bosna igra laku utakmicu protiv Gas Corporationa na Burnley Ovalu, dok Crvena zvezda odlazi u goste Westmeadows, što ce biti odlucujuća utakmica. Ako Zvezda dobije ovu utakmicu osice u trci za naslov amaterskog prvaka.

JUNIORSKO PRVENSTVO

Ispod 11 godina: Green Gully — J.U.S.T. 1:2. Strelci: Miro Samanovic i Robert Tripunovski.

Altona Gate/Vardar — North Sunshine 12:0. Strelci: Robert Stojcević 5, Robert Trajkovski 2, Jimmy Gavovski 2, Ice Kutlesovski 2, Robe Andonovski 1.

Pascoe Vale/Pelister — East Altona 1:1. Strelac: Damir Munivirana.

Ispod 12 godina: St Albans "A" 8:j.u.s.t. 3:0. Izvanredna igra i zaslužen pobeda boljeg tima.

ALTONA GATE/VARDAR — SUNSHINE HEIGHTS 3:1. Svs tri gola postigao je Borce Sambevski.

Ispod 13 godina: J.U.S.T. — Pelister 1:4. JUST je povero sa 1:0 preko Draganom Tanasica, ali je Pelister uzvratio sa 4 gola. Strelci: Pepi Colakovski 3 i Angelovski 1.

Altona Gate/Vardar — Lalor 1:2. Strelac: Artur Dejvis.

Ispod 15 godina: Juventus — J.U.S.T. 4:0.

Ispod 16 godina: J.U.S.T. — Sunshine Heights 3:2 (1:0). Strelci: Sasa Perduv, Janos Volf i Zejko Karic.

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ΟΙ ΠΑΙΔΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΟΥΦΑ — ΚΑΙ ΝΙΝ 3-0
ΕΙΣ ΤΗΝ ΕΡΕΤΗ ΤΗΣ ΧΡΕΙΣΤΕΣ ΤΟΥ
ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΥ 2. ΕΙΣ ΤΕΡΑΧΗ

"Οι άδελφοί καλό πεινυβίς έκανε η άδελφά Γιαννάρια καί νίκησε την ουναυική πολεση έκτός έδρας 3-0 συνεχιζοντας έτσι να εί ναι στην ΕΡΕΤΗ του βαμολογικού πίνακα της Α' του ποσειβόλιου καί άδελφίτη.

"Ι έλληνική διάδρα ήταν άνώτερη σε όλο τό διάστημα της συνάντησης καί όίνακα πήρε τούδε βαμφοδές της νίκης.

Στό Α' μέρος χάφικαν καλές εύκαιρίες από την πρωτοπόρο γιά νά λήξει ισόπαλο 0-0. Στην επανάληψη η άδελφά δέν πιανόταν μέ τί ποτα καί στό 50' ο Λιακόπουλος πλάσσει έ ευτενα από κοντά τόν άντίπαλο τεματωφώλ-κα άνούγοντας τόν πόρο γιά ένα νέο θράμα βo πού τόν σπινδουσε ο Τερζάκης μέ άπ'εύ-θείας κούλι στό 67' καί τόν ένεσπορίσε ο Λιακόπουλος μέ δυνατό σούτ από κοντά.

"Από τήν νικήτρια δέν βωτέρωσε κανένας καί οί κυναυόικαι παίκτες έδειξαν γιά μία άκόμα σοφή τήν πίστη πού έχουν γιά τή νίκη. REF: 2. ΗΛΙΣ ΤΟ

"Ώπαικν οί Γκιότας, Ώσπαλές (37' Σοαλ-κίτης), Κουτουβέλης, Τζοαλίου, Τερζάκης, Τζοαλίου, Γκιότα, Κολίτης, Σούλας, Πέτρι δης, Λιακόπουλος (85' Τ. Μελέτης) Η. Μελέτης. Προπονητής: Μάκος Μάλος.

"Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 3-2 καί παραμένει κοντά στους πρωτοπόρους.

ΤΟ ΔΕΛΤΑ ΤΟ ΜΕ ΤΟ ΕΠΙΛΗΠΤΟΝ

"Η άδελφά Γιαννάρια τό ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ στό γηπέδο της ποδοέχειται τό ΣΕΚΑΡΤΟΝ. Πιστεύεται ότι οί οίπαθλοι του πρωτοπόρου κυναυόικου σωματείου βά δόσαν ένυτο τό παρν καί βά βοηθήσαν τήν ομάδα τους γιά ένα άκόμη θράμα καί ένα θίμα γιά τήν κα τέκτηση του τίτλου.

ΤΟ ΜΑΡΤΟ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΡΕΤΗ 2-1
ΤΟ ΜΑΡΤΟ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΡΕΤΗ 2-1
(ΕΡΕΤΗ) ΕΙΣ ΤΗΝ ΕΡΕΤΗ ΤΗΣ ΧΡΕΙΣΤΕΣ ΤΟΥ
ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΥ 2. ΕΙΣ ΤΕΡΑΧΗ

Μέσα σέ άλχημικά πλάισια παύθηκε τό μα-κό έλληνικό ντέρμπυ της Α' του ποσειβόλιου ναι μεταβί της γηπεδοφών Ελαστικής καί του ΜΑΒΕΟΥ ΝΤΕ πού τελικά πός τήν νίκη δόο λέρτα πρίν τήν λήξη μέ τόν δέξοχο τιά λαυτοβόλο δελτηνίστην.

Στό ακόρο προηγήθηκε η ελασίντα πτό 10' μέ πέναλτι άλλά τό ΜΑΒΕΟΝ Ισοκόνισε στό 25' όταν ο Τερματωφώλκας της ελασίντης άδω-κόισε άντικυνονική τόν δελτηνίστην καί ο διαιτητής πασεχώρησε πέναλτι πού τό κτό-πρεσε ο Λιχούδης κόνιστας τό 1-1.

Στό 2' μέρος καί στό 60' είδε κόνικη καί ρα τό ΜΑΒΕΟΝ τόν ΜΑΒΕΟΝ καί στην συνέχεια τό μέτς μοιράστηκε.

Τό 1-1 έμεινε όμως μέχρι τό 88' γιάτί ο δελτηνίστης είχε διαφορετική γώμη καί έ γραφε τό 2-1 δίνοντας τούς δύο ποδύτιους βαμφοδς στην ομάδα του πού μετά τήν ίσοπα λία τόν κλάινε ήκω μέ τήν Μπορόνια, ίσοπα άμεί στην ΕΡΕΤΗ πάλι.

"Από τήν νικήτρια δέν βωτέρωσε κανένας. Προπονητής: Ένρη Σιάς.

"Έπαιξαν οί Μάκν, Σταθόπουλος, Παπαδόπου-λος, Ζαμπερίλ, ετοπόπουλος, Λιχούδης, Μυρί-δης, Ζαμπατίς, δεληνίστης, Κουαζόπουλος, Με-νίλδης, Τζοαλός.

"Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 2-1.

ΤΟ ΘΕΡΙΝΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΡΤΙΝΙΑΛΟΚ

Τό 2ο έλληνικό Τουρνουά βά διεξαχθεί φέ-τος στό γηπέδο τού Μορτινιάλλοκ καί σάμα να μέ τούς άπευδύτους οί συμμετοχές τών ομάδων σφένουν περίπου στίς 72 πλύν όμως άπας μάλας άπάρχει πεοίκτηση μία η δόο διάδρας βά άποσώρουν τήν συμμετοχή τους.

ΤΟ ΚΥΝΗΓΙΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΡΕΤΗΣ ΜΟΝΤΙΝ

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ΚΙΤ ΑΛΛΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΡΕΤΗΣ ΜΟΝΤΙΝ 3-1

ΜΟΡΦΕΡ: ΧΑΙΤΙΤΑΝΕ — ΚΟΛΑΥΚΑΕ
ΚΟΥΠΟΥΚΙΑΝΕ

"Η Ώναση Ποντινυ συνεχιζοντας τις λαμπ-ρές έμφουσεις της, πνυχτε νέα νίκη 3-1 επί τού Ροβουβί καί συνεχίζει νά είναι στην Ίη θέση του βαμολογικού πίνακα της Β' κατηγορίας τού Ίντερσπιαλ άλικ καί άδελφίτη.

"Η έλληνική ομάδα ξεκίνησε δυνατά καί στό Α' μέρος προηγήθηκε 2-0 μέ βαμνίσια τέρματα τών Χαϊτίδη καί Κουλοβία.

Στήν επανάληψη ο Β. Κουρουκίλης έκανε τό 3-0 άλλά σέ γενική γαυαίη η μετέπειτα νικήτρια έπεσε ο άπόδοση μέ άποτέλεσμα η γηπεδοφών να μείνεις τό σκόρ.

Μέ λίγη προσοχή τών κυνηγών της η Ώναση Ποντινυ βά μπορούσε νά είχε πετύχει με-γαλύτερο σκόρ.

"Από τήν ομάδα τού Στβθ Κουρουκίλης δέν βωτέρωσε κανένας καί έπαιξαν οί Ώνς, Μ. Ώνς, Γ. Μπακόπουλος (76' Νανιάτης), Μήλιος, "Ότολ, Γεωργατίν, Γ. Κουρουκίλης, Τζιόβ, Κατόλιος, Ώσπηλός, Κουλοβίας καί Χαϊτί-δης.

ΕΡΕΤΗ ΚΑΙ ΏΝΕΚΙΟΥΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΑΙΝΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΑ
.....ΟΙΚΑΙΟΥΜΕ ΝΤΑ ΕΙΤΟΥΡΑ

Υνεχιζουμε καί σήμερα τό 1. σπρίαλ ΕΛΛΑΣ ΜΑΚΕΝΤΡΥ — ΡΑΕΙΚ καί τής μιάς χωφτας έκει ναι πού σπράχυνται από μερικούς "καλοελη-τές" γιά νά όμψινοσούν καταστάσεις στό κυ ανέλυσο σωματείου.

"Απορούμε δέ μέ τήν έκμυσή τους στην πε-ριβήτητάλαγί τού προσηυτή. Κατά τήν γνώ-μη μας άν ήταν πραγματικά ΦΙΛΟΙ ΤΗΣ Έλλάς βά βοηθήσαν τό Δ.Συμβούλιο μέ τόν φιλιότι-μο κ.Λαυρόβια "Ανεδίκη καί έναυβελ ή έμδα τήν παλιά της αίγλη.

Μόνο μέ άγάπη κήριοι ο σλόλογος βά πείε μπροστά. Καί τό λέμε αυτό γιάτί ένοτυχές η χωφτα πού σήμνωσε κερφά άπέναντι στό Δ. Συμβούλιο καί στην σωστή άποσφή της, καίρε-ται όταν η Έλλάς χάνει βαμφοδς.

"Ήν κ' έμεις άκόμασσε καί άκόμα πολλά. Μής είπαν... κλημνίσουμε. Μής είπαν ότι ο κ.Ανεκίτης μάς... ταίξει. "Άλλομουνό άλλά τό πιστεύω τού καδ'ένος δέν κουλιέται γιά ένα πιάτο ραί.

Πιστεύουμε στόν Μάκνεντυ. Πιστεύουμε στην προπάθεια τού Δ.Συμβουλίου καί πτό πολύ πιστεύουμε στους φιλάθλους της Έλλάς.

"Άραγε τί καλό βά κάναμε στην Έλλάς άν κ' έμεις άκολουθώσαμε τήν τακτική τών λίγων καί ζηλοτάσων μέ φύγει τό Δ.Συμβούλιο από τό πόστο του; Άν ζηλοτάσων μέ διάξει η Έλλάς τούς παίκτες πού όπας λένε "σασπιά ρίξαν" τόν Μάσκ.

"Ανοίξας ή'αυτό έπιμένουμε ότι όχι μόνο η ένέργεια τού Δ.Συμβουλίου ήταν ΊΣΕΤΗ άλλά στό τέλος βά έναυβελ καί καί' μ'αυτό φω-σικά καί έμεις πού μέ τήν σειρά μας έχου-με νά δώσουμε απάντα χαστοκία σε πολλούς "καλοελητέες" καί "άσχετους" όχι μόνο μέ τό δεδωμένα της Έλλάς άλλά καί μέ τό ποδύ-σσορνο γενικά.

Δέν βά σταματήσουμε καί βά επανέλθουμε καί πάλι έσπεκτικόντας μετέλεια δνδματα από έκει να πού άφρεν "άγαπών" τήν ΕΛΛΑΣ.

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'77 0-1 — '78 0-1

'79 4-0 — '80 3-3

'81 0-2 — '82 4-0



CARL HOLFORD
(South Melbourne)



STEVE GLOCKNER
(Brisbane City)

PRESTON

V

LEICHHARDT

Connor Reserve K.O. 3pm

Previous results

'81 3-1

'82 2-0



ZORAN ILIOSKI
(Preston)



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(Leichhardt)